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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) DATE: 8/2/61

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
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In connection with the destruction of channelizing memoranda, the information contained on the serials listed below was incorporated in a report dated 7/24/61. The review for this report was made from serial 5576 through serial 5796.

In accordance with the above, the following serials are to be destroyed:

Volume	Serials (List by serial or serial scope.)
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FD-306 (3-21-[illegible])

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86624)
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-4284-P)
SUBJECT: CP, USA
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
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DATE: 5/18/61

Date received: 4/27/61

[redacted] ne or symbol number) who has furnished reliable info in the past.

Received by: SAs JOHN A. HAAG and RUSSELL H. HORNER

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:

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Authenticated by informant

Date of Report: 4/27/61

Date(s) of activity: [redacted]

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Brief description of activity or material

[redacted] PHIL BART

[redacted] ed if not attached

Remarks:

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU UNLESS IT IS PROPERLY AND CAREFULLY PARAPHRASED:

5 - New York (RM)
(1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
(1 - 100-) [redacted]
(1 - 97-1792) (FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE)
(1 - [redacted]

5 - Newark
(1 - 100-19491)
(1 - 100-32048) [redacted]
(1 - 97-250) (FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE)
(1 - [redacted]

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April 27, 1961

The following was learned at COMMUNIST PARTY, USA (CP, USA), Headquarters, New York City, on April 25, 1961:

PHIL BART and [redacted] were overheard discussing the situation of Cuba. BART pointed out the necessity of widely utilizing and reprinting many of the full page ads that appeared in the "New York Times" and ads that appeared in leading Negro newspapers which had been inserted by the FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE and other organizations. BART said that we should try and get this material into the hands of everyone possible.

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In addition, he mentioned that we should take aggressive steps to organize a broad form of the FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE. He mentioned that while there is TROTSKYITE control, it seems to be centered in the hands of [redacted] the [redacted] in the FAIR PLAY COMMITTEE office. BART feels that this control can be surmounted, and it should not be the thing to deter us from forming committees and taking up the activity even if we have to think up new names for committees, such as "Ad Hoc Committees, Defend Cuba Committees, etc." BART mentioned that action would depend on the possibilities available to us, and [redacted] and BART discussed the issue of possibly getting people such as [redacted] and others to take a leading part in such committees.

PHIL BART also mentioned that on Sunday, April 30, 1961, the FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE and other groups plan a picketing demonstration for Washington, D. C., starting at 1:00 p.m. It was mentioned that the demonstration will gather at Judiciary Square, Fifth and E Streets, N.W., where they will organize a two weeks' series of picketing actions in Washington, especially near the White House. The groups also plan to organize some picketing and a fast at Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Headquarters at Langley, Virginia, as a means of propaganda against CIA and its role in the Cuban crisis. PHIL BART mentioned that he would desire all of the people in New Jersey to support this. BART also mentioned that a basic policy statement on Cuba is prepared and will appear in the May issue of "Political Affairs".

Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Memorial
FD-306 (3-21-[illegible])

TO: SAC, NEWARK (100-4284-U)
FROM: SA RUSSELL H. HORNER
SUBJECT: CP, USA, N. J. DISTRICT
NEWARK DIVISION
FACTIONALISM
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DATE: 5/18/61

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[redacted] PHIL BART on [redacted]

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2 - Detroit (RM)
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4 - New York (RM)
(1 - 100-84994)
(1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
(1 - 100-87211) (CP, USA FACTIONALISM)

5 - Newark
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The following was learned at COMMUNIST PARTY, USA (CP, USA), Headquarters, New York City, on [redacted]

On that date [redacted] PHIL BART, and [redacted] State Chairman of the New Jersey CP, were overheard in a conversation regarding [redacted] of the New Jersey CP.

[redacted] said he realized that [redacted] had been remarkably patient with the leftist bloc in the New Jersey CP and with [redacted] particularly. [redacted] stated he understands PAT TOOHEY's reason for wishing to defer a collision with the [redacted] and the leftist bloc until the ground is better laid in order to guarantee that not too much damage would occur. [redacted] said he believed it cannot be delayed because damage will come more from delay than from acting upon it. [redacted] said he believes the [redacted] are impossible people and mentioned that he is trying to seek the correct Marxist term with which to define people such as the [redacted] and others in the Party who act like them. [redacted] thought the term to define them might be in the area of "eroders" and "wappers" and elements who suck the vitality out of the movement under the guise of being in favor of the movement.

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It was mentioned by [redacted] that he had recently sent [redacted] to Newark for the purpose of having a long and friendly talk with the [redacted] and [redacted] are old friends of 30 to 35 years standing). [redacted] also had several talks with [redacted] and reported back to National Headquarters that [redacted] is impossible and sooner or later would have to be collided with. [redacted] said that the attitude of the [redacted] is intransigent and that they must go. [redacted] described them as "carping, negative, oppositional, and denunciatory of the national setup and of everybody". Further, in his report to [redacted] said that the [redacted] are no good and that nothing can be done with them.

[redacted] mentioned that he has been getting reports of the negative conduct of the [redacted] from many sources. He said

they have set themselves up as "Typhoid Marys", trying to spread their views in a quiet manner to others to accept their thinking. [redacted] mentioned that they are aggressive in their thinking, and the National Office considers it a political threat which must be combatted by going after them publicly.

[redacted] agreed with [redacted] concerning the [redacted] The only problem, according to [redacted] is the timing question. They agreed that now is the time "to put the screws on the [redacted] since they are eroding, sapping, and holding back. [redacted] stated that if [redacted] gets into any collision with the [redacted] the National Office will render all political assistance necessary all the way down the line. [redacted] made it clear that he wanted this guarantee since times in the past the National Office did not back him up. He was assured that the National Office will help in all ways. [redacted], during the discussion, said he felt the struggle should occur within the New Jersey District and that the National Office should stay out of it and define ways of giving [redacted] support if and when the blowup came. [redacted] disagreed with [redacted] sharply and established the position that it is not for [redacted] to determine if and when support was needed--that [redacted] was in the best position and should decide the time for support and when that was decided the support should come through. It was agreed that the matter would be handled in the way that [redacted] noticed.

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Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material
FD-306 (3-21-58)

To: SAC, New York (97-169) Date: 5/18/61
From: SAC, Newark (97-82)
Subject: CP, USA
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4/27/61	[redacted] who has furnished reliable info in the past.	SAs JOHN A. HAAG RUSSELL H. HORNER

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Brief description of activity or material
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and PHIL BART [redacted]

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5 - New York (RM)
(1 - 100-56579 PHIL BART)
(1 - 100-26018 [redacted]
(1 - 100-18065 [redacted]
(1 - [redacted]

1 - Chicago (100- PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS) (RM)

3 - Newark
(1 - 100-19491 [redacted]
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April 27, 1961

The following was learned at COMMUNIST PARTY, USA (CP, USA) Headquarters, New York City, on [redacted]

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PHIL BART and [redacted] State CP, had a long discussion on the subject of the national press. BART mentioned that the national leadership has been having a number of detailed discussions and has decided once and for all to make the newspaper a central, constant, and big-scale campaign in the Party. BART mentioned that a number of projects have been worked out which have as their termination the appearance of a paper twice a week instead of once a week as present and, secondly, to establish a daily newspaper as soon as possible.

To this end they have set up a special committee which consists of [redacted] and PHIL BART. This committee will arrange meetings with all East Coast districts and all New York counties. It is expected that these districts will devise specific projects and plans of their own for May and June based upon renewing thousands of expired subscriptions and generally taking steps towards their goal of issuing a paper twice a week.

The aim is to culminate all this intense activity on June 3 - National Press Day. June 3 - National Press Day - will be a day on which every member of the party everywhere will attend meetings, go out to work on the paper, and have a specific assignment.

It is planned that on June 9, 1961, there will be two big semi-annual conferences, one on the East Coast and one in Chicago, to solidify the launching of the paper on a bi-weekly basis.

The national leadership has decided to make the press A-1 priority in the whole movement, and BART wanted the New Jersey CP to concretize this effort by setting a date for a meeting when one of the members of a special committee could come to New Jersey and talk to the people of New Jersey concerning this project.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE 5-18-61

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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EXTREME CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH THE HANDLING OF THE INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE. SINCE THIS INFORMATION CAN READILY BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE SOURCE BECAUSE OF THE FORM IN WHICH IT WAS RECEIVED, IT MUST BE COMPLETELY PARAPHRASED IF FOUND NECESSARY TO PLACE IN AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORT.

3 - Bureau (Encls. 2) (RM)
1 - 100-1287 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
12 - New York (Encls. 2) (RM)
1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
1 - 100-23825 (BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR.)
1 - 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
1 - 100-84994 (GUS HALL)
1 - 100-5106 (CLARENCE HATHAWAY)
1 - 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH)
1 - 100-87211 (CP, USA - FACTIONALISM)
1 - 100-86624 (CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
1 - 100-81675 (CP, USA - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)
1 - 100-89590 (CP, USA - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
1 - 97-169 (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS)
16 - San Francisco (RM)
1 - 61-398 (ARCHIE BROWN)
1 - 100- (PEGGY DENNIS)
1 - 100- (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
1 - 100- (MIKE GOLD)
1 - 100-26076 (AL LANNON)
1 - 65-1242 (MICKEY LIMA)
1 - 61-415 (AL RICHMOND)
1 - 97-26 (WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN)

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1 - 100-25085 (CP, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DIST. - FUNDS)
1 - 100- (CP, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DIST. - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
1 - 100-26747 (CP, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DIST. - ORGANIZATION)
1 - 100-28630 (CP, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DIST. - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
1 - 100- (CP, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DIST. - WOMEN'S MATTERS)
1 - 100- (CP, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DIST. - YOUTH)
1 - 97-27 ("PEOPLES WORLD")
2 - Chicago
1 - A)134-46

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CG 100-33741

On May 3, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN a two-page handwritten letter datelined San Francisco, California, and dated April 30, 1961. This letter had been prepared by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman, Communist Party, USA (CP,USA), who is currently on a Western tour of the United States, for transmittal as a confidential message to GUS HALL, General Secretary, CP, USA. This letter was photostated by the Chicago Office on May 3, 1961, and returned to the source on May 4, 1961. The Chicago Office has retained one photostat of this item and it has been made an exhibit and is located in Chicago file 100-33741-1B3 (213). Two copies of this item are being enclosed herewith for the Bureau and the New York Office. The letter noted above was transmitted by the source on the weekend of May 5, 1961, to GUS HALL.

Set forth below are the verbatim contents of this letter except for minor deletion of material which tends to identify the source. The information appearing in parentheses was supplied by the source on May 3, 1961.

["San Francisco - Calif.
April 30 - 1961 -]

"Dear Gus:

"Am enclosing a further report on my activities - to set an example for others. Previous one to Phil (BART) covered East and North West. You may be able to use it as an argument in the forthcoming debate .... indicated to me. Sooner or later I guess we will have to come to grips with the problem of one (probably referring to BEN DAVIS) who does no work, criticizes constantly, interferes in a district and will not state his position clearly. No other party would tolerate it or I fear, understand it. We have put up with it now since the last convention. It is the cancer eating at the heart of the trouble in that area. When and if Clarence (HATHAWAY) has to give it up we must be prepared for strong emergency action, if necessary. Otherwise he will be back there again. No doubt of the aim.

"Not only have I enjoyed this trip but I have learned a lot. There is great value, as you say so often, in staying

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long enough to really know a district and its people. It has caused me to re-evaluate Mickie (LIMA), as I wrote to ..... He is a good solid guy out here. N.Y. and other strange places sometimes disorient people. That's obvious. We have splendid members - workers especially - in all these Coast districts. Irving (POTASH) should come out here and spend time. Many new and interesting developments, on peace, on the shorter work day etc. are cooking among the unions of the coast. Our people are all busy in good work, have excellent relations with other people, do not try to go it alone etc. More of our people in the center should get out here - take vacations here - learn about the country. Forgive me if I say I hate to come back to N.Y. Wish it was Chicago - at least. The slogan here against tall buildings the obstruct the view is 'Don't let S.F. look like N.Y.!' I heartily agree. (C)

"Sunday. The mass meeting was not too large - they never seem to have large ones here in S.F. But they count all others I spoke to in other places - easily another 300. It was a friendly and enthusiastic audience - no hecklers. Two young men walked out in the middle - that was all. Archie (BROWN) is going to Sonoma for their traditional May Day banquet. They usually have about 100 or more people there. (C)

"Best regards to your family and to all comrades at

23 (C)

["Affectionately,
Elizabeth] (C)

"No. California Trip (E.G.F.)

(C)

"April 1st - Saw Peace Walk - Eve P.W. Party - Archie's (BROWN).
April 2nd - Reception, East Bay, M's (MICKEY LIMA) home, about 30 people.
April 4th - District B'd Eve. Press Conference A.M.
April 5th - East Bay County Committee /10/ Interview Columnist.
April 6th - S.F. County Committee Eve. a.m. News T.V. interview.
April 7th - Farewell party to Mike Gold.
April 9th - P.W. Party Al R's (RICHMOND) home; Eve meeting Sanoma - 50 people - Collected $400 for P.W.

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April 12th - Reception S.F. women - about 30.
April 13th - Interview NBC on Birch Society.
April 14th - San Jose - meeting 60 people - collected $60 P.W.
April 15th - San Francisco Reception - 75 people - collect P.W.
April 16th - Sacramento Valley - /in 81/ (meeting of 81 CP and Workers' Parties) 20 people; Eve Youth 20 present.
April 18th - Board meeting, S.F.
April 21st - Reception C.P. of F.B. - Guest.
April 23rd - Breakfast - P.W. Benefit.
April 25th - Radio broadcast K.P.T.A., Berkeley.
April 29th - S.F. May Day meeting, 300 - Collect $287.
April 30th - Eve. Youth - Oakland, and wrote 4 columns for Worker and saw Peggy (DENNIS); Al L. (LANNON); Bill (SCHNEIDERMAN) personal visits. Yetta was away."

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"For Gus"

SAC, NEW YORK (100-74560) 5/18/61

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CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

On 5/10/61, NY 2858-S* advised that on the above date, LEM HARRIS, PHIL BART and JACK STACHEL had a brief and informal discussion at CP headquarters, NYC.

Informant advised that the discussion pertained to the purchase or running of a camp apparently by the CP. LEM HARRIS commented that if the right guy were put in charge "we'll" not lose. "We" had the wrong guy running it and lost our shirt.

HARRIS said that last year there were 200 children there and over 50 per cent were children from progressive families who thought they were sending the children to a place where they would get certain progressive interests, but the opposite happened.

Continuing, HARRIS said "we" are going to lose money, but "we" are reducing the mortgage a little. HARRIS further stated that "we" should check with "that camp" up north run by a very friendly person. They also have a couple of hundred children and they rent the place. HARRIS said that the person who runs it is an old friend of SI GERSON's.

HARRIS recommended getting together with GERSON's friend and see if he'd be interested, with enough backing.... transfer the locale (of the camp?).

1-NY (100-7658) (LEM HARRIS) (415)
1-NY (100-New) (BOB (LNU)(per NY 2858-S* on 5/10/61)
1-NY (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
1-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY (100-13473) (SI GERSON) (415)
1-NY (100-74560) (415)
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PHIL BART said there is a problem of proper facilities....

HARRIS said his political feeling about it was a "solid yes"... HARRIS said "I" would like to take the chance of running it, provided "we" could set up a guarentee and thought they should be contacting "him."

Continuing, HARRIS remarked that it is also a question of do "we" want to convert it to an adult place because some people think "we" can't. BOB (LNU) has proven it is a good place to handle a group of children.

JACK STACHEL recommended that some kind of a committee be set up to look further into it and make the decisions.

PHIL BART indicated that there would be further discussion on this and HARRIS recommended that it be done soon.

Above for information.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-74560) May 19, 1961

SAC, CHICAGO (100-33742)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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EXTREME CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH AND REPORTING OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IN ORDER NOT TO JEOPARDIZE THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE.

The information set forth on the attached page was furnished orally by CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on May 12, 1961, to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN. This information was reduced to writing on May 19, 1961.

5 - New York (RM)
1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
1 - 100-84994 (GUS HALL)
1 - 100-19679 (ISADORE WOFSY)
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May 12, 1961

On May 6, 1961, it was learned that PHIL BART, Organizational Secretary, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), had stated that it was necessary and essential that a new system be worked out to record in the Party's financial reports the receipt of money furnished to the Party by GUS HALL and ISADORE WOFSY. These funds normally are received in larger amounts and if recorded in that manner, might be a source of some suspicion.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Bu 100-3-69

New York, New York
May 17, 1961

Re: Communist Party,
United States of America -
Organization

A Confidential Source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a meeting of leading functionaries of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA) was held in Communist Party (CP) headquarters, New York City on May 16, 1961. Among those in attendance were:

Betty Gannett, Organizational and Educational Secretary, New York District (NYD), CPUSA
Will Weinstone, member of the National Committee (NC), CPUSA
Gus Hall, General Secretary, CPUSA
Phil Bart, Organizational Secretary, CPUSA
Irving Potash, Labor Secretary, CPUSA
Jack Stachel, member of NC, CPUSA

Irving Potash recommended that Ben Davis, National Secretary of the CPUSA, be censured by the National Executive Committee (NEC) and also given a warning that, if he continues his present course of action, he will be relieved as National Secretary.

Jack Stachel proposed that the NEC recommend to the NC that Davis be removed from the National Executive Committee.

A meeting of the National Board to deal with this question was tentatively set for May 23, 1961.

Gus Hall pointed out the need for a new chairman of the NYD, CPUSA, and it was agreed that for the present, William Patterson is the acting Chairman and will continue in this capacity until a replacement can be found.

Phil Bart reported on the plan of work adopted by the Organizational Bureau. It included the following proposals:

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Re: Communist Party,
United States of America -
Organization

1. Party building should be centered around the club.

2. Regular meetings of all Party clubs should be held twice monthly.

3. Every Party club should have an Executive Committee.

4. In order to establish the club on a more regular and well functioning basis, the club executive shall become the instrument of leadership.

5. There shall be a regular agenda for all meetings and the agenda shall consider questions of organization, dues, concentration, literature, education and the club relationship to the main questions such as unemployment, peace and Negro work.

6. The club executive, as the leader of the club, shall have the responsibility of meeting with comrades, discussing the work and collecting dues.

7. Dues payments shall be established on a regular basis.

8. That the objective be set of reconstituting of the Party organization in 50 cities throughout the country.

9. Attention shall be given by the Party organization to the strengthening of existing youth clubs and the integration of youth in other Party clubs.

10. That the objective be set of increasing youth membership by 50 per cent this year.

11. That the objective be set of reaching a circulation of 20,000 for "The Worker" by the end of the year.

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Date: 5/17/61

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Via AIRTEL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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(OO: New York)

There are transmitted herewith 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning a meeting of leading CP functionaries held on 5/16/61, in CP headquarters, NYC.

The confidential source utilized was NY 2362-S*.

This memorandum has been classified confidential because it contains information from a source, the unauthorized disclosure of which would seriously impair the investigation of the CPUSA and such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.

3-Bureau (100-3-69) (Encl. 8) (RM)
1-New York (100-129802) (CPUSA - COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM) (41)
1-New York (100-128814) (CPUSA - ORGANIZATION, NYD) (414)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: 5-18-61

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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EXTREME CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH THE HANDLING AND REPORTING OF THE INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE. SINCE THE INFORMATION SET FORTH CAN BE READILY ATTRIBUTED TO THIS SOURCE BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE INFORMATION ITSELF, IT SHOULD BE COMPLETELY PARAPHRASED IF NECESSARY TO BE SET FORTH IN A REPORT.

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On May 14, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN a handwritten letter prepared by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), who is presently on a tour of the Western United States. This handwritten letter was dated May 10, 1961, and shown as being written at Los Angeles, California. Enclosed with this letter was a one-page written communication on the letterhead of the CP of Great Britain dated April 12, 1961, and addressed to ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN. A second item was also enclosed which was a handwritten letter dated May 7, 1961, and addressed to FLYNN from PEGGY DENNIS. (C)

These items were photostated by the Chicago Office on May 14, 1961, and returned to the source on May 15, 1961. One photostat of each of these items has been made an exhibit by the Chicago Office and are located in Chicago file 100-33741-1B3 (217). Two photostats of each of these items are enclosed for the Bureau and New York. (C)

Set forth below are the verbatim contents of the letter of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, the letter on the letterhead of the CP of Great Britain, and the letter from PEGGY DENNIS. In connection with the letter written by FLYNN, there has been minor deletions of personal data which is of no investigative significance and which may tend to identify the source. The information set forth in parentheses was supplied by the source on May 15, 1961, for assistance in interpretation of the contents of these items. (C)

"Los Angeles, Calif.
May 10 - 1961 - (C)

"Dear ...

"Enclosed couple of letters that will interest you. I got through the big meeting O.K. There were 1200 people there. But was sick for the last three days - fortunately however I only lost one meeting, which was postponed to next week. I have one of those darned colds in the nose and throat that simply run their course. Am staying in and resting. It is quite chilly and cloudy here today. S.F. was much nicer. (C)

Will be glad when this run of dates is finished. Its a little too long, without a break. I doubt if it will cover expenses to the N.O. Phil (BART) did not figure it very accurately and undercharged all the places. The fares alone are a terrific item. Of course they make money on it out here. Collections for the P.W. ("Peoples World") etc. I suppose it doesn't matter too much into which pocket the profits go. They have to complete their drive.

"I had a session here Monday night that really finished me - with a group of older Jewish comrades and friends. Max Steinberg arranged it and asked me to speak on the 81 (meeting of 81 Communist and Workers' Parties, Moscow, November, 1960) - When I was finished they or some of them expressed their dissatisfaction with the subject and proceeded to ask questions on the Jewish question etc. Seller of the Nat'l Jewish Com. was just here and I said why didn't you have him speak instead of me then. One said 'We don't want to discuss inner party business!' Imagine! The 81 'inner party'. Most of them were quite old and very set in their way. 'How do you know Khrushchev won't be like Stalin?' one asked. I was too hoarse by then to try to debate - if it would have done any good. Now they are waiting for Dorothy (HEALEY) to bring back all the answers. I said the S.U. does not consider there is any 'Jewish question' there - which caused protest of course from some. They wanted to know what the Israeli delegates had to say about it. Apparently the pot continues to boil out here among the old timers. I doubt if (PAUL) Novick helps very much. What can we say to them? Time stopped a few years ago. This is the only question in the world to them. Its too bad because they are really such good people. Our answers do not satisfy them. They want papers, magazines, books, plays, schools, etc. in Jewish in the S.U. I do hope Dorothy comes back with a balanced approach - not to aggravate the situation. Our party is predominantly Jewish here, altho there are 800,000 Mexicans and 200,000 Negro people here too and practically all workers. It is made up of old people too - S.F. and Seattle has better composition. Here is more like N.Y. in many ways.

"... Best regard to all comrades - Love

"Elizabeth"

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"Communist Party of Great Britain
Executive Committee: 16 King Street, London, W.C.2
Telephone: Temple Bar 2151-5
Telegrams: Communal Rand London
General Secretary: John Gollan

"12th April, 1961.

"Dear Elizabeth,

"Thanks very much for the Birthday card, and please thank all the comrades who signed it.

"I hope you are all keeping well. One of these days we are determined to get to the U.S. and see you all in your home stamping ground. It won't be long now!

"All the very best,
Yours fraternally,

"Johnnie

"Comrade Elizabeth Gurley Flynn,
224, East 12th Street,
New York 3,
N.Y., U.S.A."

"Sunday Nite
May 7th

"Dear Elizabeth -

"Seeing you a couple times a week up here had become so a part of the pattern of things that it is hard to get used to the idea that you are no longer at the Powell Hotel.

"I had hoped to have gotten a note from you - but am assuming that sending this to the PW ("Peoples World") office will reach you.

"I have started a number of sessions with one of the medicos here - a complete checkup (blood tests, x-rays, etc.) and also the 'shots' needed for the Big Trip (to USSR).

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In fact, my small pox vaccination is itching like hell on the left arm and the first typhoid shot has swollen up my right arm - for the moment. (c)

"I got a nice, long, but worried letter from .... Poor guy, he is always so concerned that everybody's feathers remain unruffled, no matter what. From where he sits, I can see that would be quite a job. (c)

"I plan to leave here about May 23 or 24. How about you? I sort of dread it. Just letters from New York upset me these days. (c)

"Young Gene (DENNIS, JR.) is fine. As usual, making very high grades in the subjects he likes /History, Anthropology, English/ and passable ones in those he doesn't /Sciences/. He and the Socialist Club are busy with letters and statements in the Campus daily paper on such issues as Cuba, state legislature cuts in faculty salaries and rise in tuition costs, etc. (c)

"If you can, in the midst of your busy schedule, and care to - write a note how you're doin' in the southland. (c)

"Love,

Peggy (c)

"Dennis,
1448 Willard St.
San Francisco 17
Calif." (c)

SAC, NEW YORK (100-5106) 5/19/61

SA THOMAS J. DEVINE (#414)

CLARENCE HATHAWAY
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NY 2353-S* on 5/9/61, advised that CLARENCE HATHAWAY, that date, told EVIE WIENER that PHIL (BART) would not be able to attend a press meeting that night. The informant also advised that CLARENCE told ESTHER CANTOR that he was to speak at Alex's (KOLKIN) Club at the Garment Center at 6:30 p.m. that night. CLARENCE said he could not keep that commitment since he could not leave a Special Executive Session of the National Board.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-30641) DATE: 5/17/61

FROM : SA JOSEPH A. CULLEN (#415)

SUBJECT: CP, USA ORGANIZATION
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CARE MUST BE USED IN REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO INDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

On 5/2/61, NY 2359-S* advised that a meeting of national CP functionaries was held in CP Headquarters, NYC on that date. The Chairman was GUS HALL and among those in attendance were: BEN DAVIS, IRVING POTASH, PHIL BART, JACK STACHEL, WILLIAM WEINSTONE, CLARENCE HATHAWAY and JAMES JACKSON.

HALL mentioned that the first item to be taken up was that of the case to be arraigned before the Supreme Court on the following day. He described it as the "Communist Control Act" case. HALL said that it is interesting to note that the Federal Government did not enter this case, as they usually do, but issued a statement saying that their decision is clearly

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stated in the dissenting opinion of the Lower Court. According to HALL, (JOHN) ABT issued a reply pointing this out.

IRVING POTASH said that he had asked ABT if he, ABT, felt it necessary for a leading comrade to be there in the event of any problems that should come up. POTASH said that ABT did not feel that it was necessary but had felt that someone should be there to cover it for the paper. POTASH noted that he understood [redacted] a reporter for "The Worker" will be there.

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After some discussion as to whether anyone from the leadership should go, BEN DAVIS volunteered. Informant was unable to determine whether it was agreed by the others present that DAVIS should be present at the argument of the appeal.

The second item taken up at this meeting was the matter of a bill passed by the State Legislature in New York revoking the driver's license of anyone convicted of advocating violent overthrow of the government. BEN DAVIS said that this law covers, to his knowledge, three people namely BOB THOMPSON, LOUIS WEINSTOCK and himself. He then commented "others have licenses in other states and this law doesn't affect them." DAVIS claimed that his own attorney feels that the law fits into the category of a "Bill of Attainment." According to DAVIS, his attorney talked to one or two Negro State Legislators who were present when the law was passed and they described it as a "BEN DAVIS Bill". DAVIS further noted that the "New York Post" carried a story to the effect that this was a "BEN DAVIS Bill". He remarked that if this is true, the law is unconstitutional as an Ex Post Facto Law.

DAVIS stated that CORLISS LAMONT had offered and did, through his Bill of Rights Fund, make a contribution which took care of the lawyers fees in connection with his case in seeking a driver's license.

WILLIAM WEINSTONE suggested that "legal action is indicated here. We should also try out the law which prohibits us from voting."

GUS HALL gibed "Communists cannot drive because they drive on the left hand side of the street".

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 5/18/61

TO: SAC, NEWARK

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NY DISTRICT
NEW YORK DIVISION
INDUSTRIAL DIVISION
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Identity of Source: NY 2003-S*

Description of info: CP Section Convention for the Printing Trades in NYC, Room BB, Central Plaza Annex, 40 E. 7th St.,NYC,

Date Received: 3/26/61

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The names in parenthesis are the opinion of the reporting agent and should not be construed as a positive identification.

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On 3/17/61, CS [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA JOHN E. GORDON that KARL LEICHTMAN had contacted the manager of the Central Plaza Annex, 40 E. 7th St., NYC, and reserved Room BB, Central Plaza Annex, in the name of the "Modern Forum" for a meeting to be held at 10:00 AM on Sunday, 3/26/61. Source stated that LEICHTMAN said that about 30 persons would be in attendance at this meeting.

On 3/26/61, NY 2003-S*, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished information that a meeting held in Room BB, Central Plaza Annex, under the name of "Modern Forum" on that date was actually a convention of the CP section for the printing trades in NYC.

On 3/26/61, SA JOSEPH M. MULVANEY observed the following individuals to enter and leave Room BB, Central Plaza Annex, between the hours of 9:50 AM and 5:20 PM:

MILT ROSEN
PHIL BART
IRVINE COHN
HAROLD M. CHOWN
HAROLD COLLINS
JOHN LEO DEVINE
LEONARD FOX
IRVING HERMAN
[redacted]
KARL LEICHTMAN
LOUIS NOSKIN
FRANK RHYS
[redacted]
JACK WEISS
AARON WOOL
JERRY ZALPH
ARTHUR ZIPSER
ABE ZUCKERMAN

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Unsub #1 - unknown White male, approximately 50, 5'6"- 5'7", 150 lbs., medium build, sallow complexion, grey hair, dark-rimmed, tinted glasses, wearing sports jacket and dark pants, hatless (See below for identification of this individual as ELI KELLER).

Unsub #2 - unknown White male, approximately 48, 5'10", 150 lbs., medium build, dark complexion, grey hair, wore space shoes, and walked with limp, wearing dark suit and carrying topcoat, hatless (See below for identification of this individual as MOE FISHMAN).

Unsub #3 - unknown White male, approximately 45, 5'11", 190-210 lbs., fair complexion, medium-heavy build, dark brown hair greying at sides, dark horn-rimmed glasses, wearing covert cloth topcoat, hatless (See below for identification of this individual as GEORGE SHELDRICK).

Unsub #4 - unknown White male, 35-40, 6'1", 185-195 lbs., husky build, fair complexion, black hair, wearing grey coat, hatless (See below for identification of this individual as STANLEY LUBKA).

Unsub #5 - unknown White female, 45-50, 5'3", 120 lbs., brown hair (worn in bun), black coat, hatless (See below for identification of this individual as PEARL ZIPSER).

Unsub #6 - unknown White male, 35-45, 5'7", 160 lbs., brown hair, wearing green jacket and cap (See below for identification of this individual as ABE SCHWARTZ).

Unsub #7 - unknown White male, 50-55, 5'2", 140-145, grey hair, bald on top, wearing eyeglasses, grey topcoat, hatless (See below for identification of this individual as MURRAY BRALL).

Unsub #8 - unknown Negro male, 35 yrs., 5'9", 150 lbs., wearing grey topcoat, hatless (See below for identification of this individual as ELIHU HICKS).

Unsub #9 - unknown White male, 5'8", 160 lbs., dark hair, dark jacket and pants, hatless (See below for identification of this individual as [redacted]

Unsub #10 - unknown White male, 25-30, 5'8", 150 lbs., thin build, black cap with buckle on back, long black hair, dark jacket and pants.

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Unsub #11 - unknown White male, 50, 5'11", 185-190, dark hair, rough complexion, horn-rimmed glasses, wearing dark hat and brown overcoat (See below for identification of this individual as MORRIS PALANSKY).

Unsub #12 - unknown White female, 55, 5'4"-5'6", 120 lbs., light complexion, dyed blond hair, wearing pink hat and dark striped coat (See below for identification of this individual as [redacted]

Unsub #13 - unknown White male, 40-45, 5'5", 150 lbs., dark complexion, stocky build, wearing dark jacket and plaid cap (See below for identification of this individual as [redacted]

Unsub #14 - unknown Negro male, approximately 30, 6', black hair, brown complexion, medium build, moustache, wearing black topcoat and dark fedora hat, (See below for identification of this individual as [redacted]

Unsub #15 - unknown White female, approximately 45, 5'5", 120 lbs., grey hair, light complexion, medium build, eyeglasses, wearing black coat and dark knit ski-type hat.

On 3/26/61, SA CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH conducted a photo surveillance of individuals entering and leaving Room BB, Central Plaza Annex, NYC, during the hours 9:50 AM to 5:20 PM. Three roles of negatives of these individuals are maintained in 100-132461-1B2 (6). Photographs of the above-mentioned individuals (with the exceptions of [redacted] and JOHN LEO DEVINE) were obtained. A copy of these photographs is being placed in the 1A section of the individual case files. b6 b7C

Regarding the identification of the Unsubs listed above, the following information is set forth:

Unsub #1

This unknown White male, described above, was observed by SA JOSEPH M. MULVANEY to leave Central Plaza Annex and proceed to a 1960 black-Valiant automobile bearing 1961 NY State license #6Y-5351, which he entered and drove away.

On 3/27/61, records of the NY State Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), NYC, caused to be searched by SA MULVANEY, reflected that 1961 NY State license #6Y-5351 is registered to ELI KELLER, 112-19 34th Ave., Corona, Queens, business address 113 Fourth Ave., NYC.

On 3/28/61, SA MULVANEY viewed a photograph of ELI KELLER (100-73980) attached to his SI card and identified at as being identical with the Unsub observed to enter and leave Room BB, Central Plaza Annex, on 3/26/61.

Unsub #2

This unknown White male, described above, was observed by SA MULVANEY to leave Central Plaza Annex and proceed to a 1956 Chrysler sedan, bearing 1961 NY State license # 7N-4072, which he entered and drove away.

On 3/27/61, records of the NY State BMV, caused to be searched by SA MULVANEY reflected that 1961 NY State license # 7N-4072 is registered to MOSESS FISHMAN, 10 W. 74th St., NYC; business address Mac Murray Press, Inc., 22 Jones St., NYC.

On 3/28/61, SA MULVANEY viewed a photograph of MOE FISHMAN (100-56244) attached to his SI card and identified it as being identical with the Unsub observed to enter and leave Room BB, Central Plaza Annex, on 3/26/61.

Unsub #3

This unknown White male, described above, was observed by SA ROBERT C. BURNS to leave Central Plaza Annex and proceed to a Chevrolet stationwagon bearing 1961 New Jersey license # ADM 554 which he entered and drove away.

On 3/27/61, records of the New Jersey Department of Motor Vehicles, Trenton, N.J., caused to be searched by SA T. HOWARD WALDRON reflected that 1961 New Jersey license # ADM 554 is registered to GEORGE SHELDRICK, 201 Governor St., Paterson, N.J.

On 3/28/61, SA BURNS viewed a photograph (NK 100-35100-1A14) of GEORGE SHELDRICK and identified it as being identical with the Unsub observed by him to leave Central Plaza Annex on 3/26/61.

Unsub #4

This unknown White male, described above, was observed by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] to leave Central Plaza Annex and proceed to a 1954 green Ford sedan bearing 1961 NY State license # 5C-2605, which he entered and drove away.

On 3/27/61, records of the NY State BMV, caused to be searched by SA MULVANEY, reflected that 1961 NY State license # 5C-2605 is registered to STANLEY LUBKA, 129 Suffolk St., NYC; business address Seneca Printing Co., 295 Lafayette St., NYC.

On 3/28/61, SAS [redacted] viewed a photograph of STANLEY LUBKA (100-102944) and identified it as being identical with the Unsub observed by them to leave Central Plaza Annex on 3/26/61.

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Unsub #5

This unknown White female, described above, was observed by SA [redacted] to leave Central Plaza Annex and proceed to a red foreign make sports car bearing 1961 NY State license # 2Z-8550, which she entered and drove away.

On 3/27/61, records of the NY State BMV, caused to be searched by SA MULVANEY, reflected that 1961 NY State license # 2Z-8550, is registered to PEARL ZIPSER, 14 Bogardus Place, NYC; business address Psychological Service Center, 765 Teaneck Rd., Teaneck, N.J., for a 1957 Hillman-Minx sedan.

On 3/28/61, SA [redacted] viewed a photograph of PEARL ZIPSER (100-117217) and identified it as being identical with the Unsub observed by him to leave Central Plaza Annex on 3/26/61.

Unsub #6

This unknown White male, described above, was observed by SA BERNARD T. MC CABE to leave Central Plaza Annex and proceed to a 1950 black four door Ford sedan which he entered and drove to the vicinity of 2185 Second Ave., NYC, where he entered Apt. 10A at that address.

On 3/27/61, SA MC CABE viewed photographs of ABE ISIDORE SCHWARTZ (100-61072), resident of Apt. 10A 2185 Second Ave., NYC, and identified SCHWARTZ as being identical with the Unsub observed by him to leave Central Plaza Annex on 3/26/61.

Unsub #7

This unknown White male, described above, was observed by SA RICHARD V. BOLAN to leave Central Plaza Annex and proceed to a 1957 black and white Chevrolet sedan bearing 1961 NY State license #QD 880 which he entered and drove away.

On 3/27/61, records of the NY State BMV caused to be searched by SA MULVANEY reflected that 1961 NY license # QD 880 is registered to MURRAY BRALL, 33-64 21st St., L.I.C., NY; business address 721 Broadway, NYC.

On 3/28/61, SA BOLAN viewed a photograph of MURRAY BRALL (100-65034) contained on his SI card and identified it as being identical with the Unsub observed by him to leave Central Plaza Annex on 3/26/61.

Unsub #8

This unknown Negro male described above, was observed by SA [redacted] to leave Central Plaza Annex and proceed to a 1953 blue and grey Chrysler sedan bearing 1961 NY State license # 4G-8849 which he entered and drove away.

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On 3/27/61, records of the NY State BMV caused to be searched by SA MULVANEY reflected that 1961 NY State license # 4G-8849 is registered to ELIB? S. HICKS, 550 Caldwell Ave., Bronx, NY; business address 80 South St., NYC.

On 3/28/61, SA [redacted] viewed photographs of ELIHU HICKS aka (100-95789) and identified them as being identical with the Unsub observed by him to leave Central Plaza Annex on 3/26/61.

Unsub #9

This unknown White male, described above, was observed by SAS [redacted] and ROBERT O. JOHNSON to leave Central Plaza Annex and proceed to a 1960 white Studebaker convertible, bearing 1961 NY State license # 7K-4127 which he entered and drove away.

On 3/27/61 records of the NY State BMV caused to be searched by SA MULVANEY reflected that 1961 NY State license # [redacted] is registered to [redacted] [redacted] Avenue, Brooklyn, NY; business address [redacted], Brooklyn, NY.

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On 3/28/61 SAS [redacted] and JOHNSON viewed a photograph of [redacted] (100-97746) and identified it as being identical with the Unsub observed by them to leave Central Plaza Annex on 3/26/61.

SAS MULVANEY, [redacted] and JOHNSON also identified [redacted] as being identical with photographs of an individual entering and leaving a meeting of the "Chelsea Club" on 12/14/58 (for documentation of this meeting see serial 100-132461-54). Photographs of [redacted] obtained on 12/14/58 will be placed in the 1A section of 100-97746).

Unsub #10

This unknown White male, described above, was observed to enter and leave Room BB, Central Plaza Annex with [redacted] above. He was also observed by SAS [redacted] and JOHNSON to be a passenger in [redacted] car when [redacted] drove from the area. Photographs of this unknown White male were obtained by photo surveillance on 3/26/61 but his identity is unknown to date.

Unsub #11

This unknown White male, described above, was observed by SA [redacted] to leave Central Plaza Annex and proceed to a coral colored Volkswagon sedan bearing 1961 NY State license # [redacted] which he entered and drove away.

On 3/27/61, records of the NY State BMV caused to be searched by SA MULVANEY reflected that 1961 NY State license # [redacted] is registered to [redacted] NY, a housewife. b6 b7C

On 3/28/61, SA [redacted] viewed a photograph of MORRIS PALANSKY (100-822975), [redacted] and identified it as being identical with the Unsub observed by him to leave Central Plaza Annex on 3/26/61.

Unsub #12

This unknown White female, described above, was observed by SA [redacted] to leave Central Plaza Annex and proceed by subway to the home and hospital of the Daughters of Jacob, E. 167th St. and Findlay Ave., Bronx, NY, where she entered. SA [redacted] ascertained from the gateman, name unknown, of this institution that this individual was visiting her brother, FNU [redacted], who was a patient at that institution.

On 3/29/61, SA [redacted] viewed a photograph of [redacted] (100-43367) and identified it as being identical with the Unsub observed by him to leave Central Plaza Annex on 3/26/61.

Unsub #13

Photographs (Roll 1, Frames 9, 10) of this unknown White male, described above, were obtained by photo surveillance on 3/26/61 and were identified by SA MULVANEY as being identical with [redacted] (100-90195).

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Unsub #14

A photograph of this unknown Negro male, described above, was obtained by photo surveillance on 3/26/61 and was identified by [redacted] (4/25/61) and [redacted] (4/26/61) as being identical with [redacted] (100-143711).

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Photographs of this unknown White female, described above, were obtained by photo surveillance on 3/26/61 but her identity is unknown to date.

Logs concerning the above individuals are being forwarded to the individual case files with a copy of this memo.

NY 2003-S* furnished the following information regarding the meeting of the "Modern Forum" held in Room BB, Central Plaza Annex, New York City, on 3/26/61. JERRY (ZALPH) opened the meeting at 10:45 A.M. by stating "This convention of the Party section for the printing trades is declared open." An election was then held for chairman and JOHN (DEVINE) was elected by acclamation when ARTHUR (ZIPSER) and IRVING (HERMAN) declined nomination. JOHN declared the convention agenda would be:

1. Political report - by [redacted]
2. Discussion of political report.
3. Organizational report - by JERRY (ZALPH).
4. Lunch
5. Discussion on organizational report.
6. Resolutions and proposals.
7. Leadership election.
8. Adjourn at 4:30 P.M.

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[redacted] then gave the political report which he started by citing the 81 Party Congress report. He stated that the Socialist system is becoming the decisive factor on world society - the problem of peaceful coexistence is of the greatest importance to humanity - that as the declaration of the 81 Party Congress report stated "The Communists must work untiringly among the masses to prevent underestimation of the problem of peaceful coexistence and at the same time, the underestimation of the danger of war." He stated the US is the backbone of reaction throughout the world - we Communists must work to prevent pessimism and we will have to go to the masses with peace messages.

[redacted] then gave a report on the printing industry in general stating it is composed of too many small unions and there is no unity among them in organization - there should be propaganda for one general union in the industry - slogan is "Amalgamation or Annihilation" - pressure is needed from rank and file and that is where we come in by action by all Party members in the printing industry. [redacted] quoted from the works of MARX and ENGELS as well as "Comrade" GUS HALL's report on trade unions to show united action is needed. He concluded with statement that younger comrades must play more active part since older comrades are known and could not function as well.

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In the organizational report given by JERRY (ZALPH) he stated report was based on collection discussion of the section committee although there were many unresolved opinions among the members of the committee. JERRY stated the Party must play a vanguard role in the offense and defense of each of the unions' efforts to achieve unity - must use united front tactics. In order to guide and lead such activity the Party must examine all its existing methods of work and structures so as to renew any structures or forms which stand in the way of streamlining, of concentrating, and of devoting our undivided attention to our tasks of integrating ourselves in the shops with our fellow workers, broadening our base on problems, and giving leadership to the immediate and long range struggles of the printing workers. JERRY was critical of the composition of the section as it exists and proposed in line with the organizational report of the national and state committee:

1. That more comrades go to work in larger shops so that they can form shop clubs.

2. That all comrades not in shop clubs transfer to Party apparatuses in their localities, that is, community sections and clubs.

3. This would result in eliminating the unnecessary and ineffectual industry clubs and section which has not shown enough Party activity or growth in the trade.

4. Shop clubs be attached directly to the state or industrial board.

5. That all comrades within a union regardless of where they are in a shop or community clubs be called together periodically (every six weeks suggested) for the sole purpose of discussing policy, aims, strategy and tactics within that particular union and its rank and file.

6. Group within a union would make all Party decisions on policy, strategy, etc.

7. That this faction within a union elect an executive body which shall meet and function between meetings of the general faction and shall supervise the carrying out of all decisions of the general body.

8. That this executive body be charged with the responsibility for the name, address, telephone number, shop of every single Party member in the union and shall be responsible for their notification of all general faction meetings.

9. That this executive body shall study and recommend concrete recommendations for general faction discussion and decision on:

1. The independent and vanguard role of the Party in the trade unions, the rank and file movement, and shops.

2. The distribution of Party members and literature particuarly within shops.

3. Growth of the Party numerically.

4. Introduction of broad Party campaigns into the trade. (Peaceful coexistence, petitions, civil rights etc.)

5. Negro work with specific goals. (Citywide apprenticeship etc.)

6. Introduction of broad labor campaigns i.e. shorter work week, unity of crafts, struggle against unemployment etc.

7. The executive body shall guide each individual comrade to become more active in union and shop.

8. There shall be regular liaison between executive committees and all factions within the trade.

JERRY said there was disagreement between members of section committee on above proposals but that the section committee did propose:

A. All clubs should hold meetings on the results of this convention and its decisions.

B. In coming months, the section shall set as its goal the establishment of one or two shop clubs at major plan - members in small shops should shift to larger shops so clubs can be set up.

C. In carrying out the reorganization of the section the following existing clubs shall be retained:

1. Shop club

2. Night workers club

3. Pressmens club

4. Lithographers club

D. The Brooklyn-Inwood and Queens Clubs shall be dissolved and their members transferred to their respective community clubs.

Following a lunch break after the above report chairman introduced ABE (SCHWARTZ) as the literature director who then read a list of literature available to those present, including "Political Affairs", "Mainstream", "Fundamentals of Marxism-Leninism", Volumes I and II of LENIN's collective works, "World Marxist Review", "Marxist Analysis of the Cuban Revolution", "Soviet Review", "Marxism Today", etc.

The chairman next introduced ABE (ZUCKERMAN) as chairman of the auditing committee which was set up at the last convention. ABE said the books were audited and are okay - audit covers last quarter of 1959 and all of 1960. As of 12/31/61 the cash balance was $223.06 - approximately 43 of membership have paid up including convention assessment-tha t in 1960 the section:

Raised $2,248.25 for "The Worker" and fund drive, distributed 150 pamphlets on the shorter work week, spent $207 for travel expenses and $28 on forums sponsored by the section.

The following names and comments were furnished by NY 2003-S* in speeches from floor during the discussion that ensued:

IRVING (COHN)

Said Communists and the unionists have dual role to play; duty of participating as trade unionists as well as in community struggles - can't see what they mean by integrating industry with community, believes they get better leadership from industry clubs, urges resolution to dissolve clubs be deleted from report.

AARON (WOOL)

Said present problems are more complex than in the past - organizational problems have been noted in their own section, not able to cope with them because of the organizational set up - section committee has been negligent in setting forth problems and reporting to membership.

MORRIS (PALANSKY)

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Member of Litho Club - Said key issue as Comrade KHRUSHCHEV and others have said is peace - we should realize that we have an obligation as Party members to educate union membership on peace movement.

Member of (local) 51 Club in which there are 5 members. Gave report as club chairman. Stated reorganization should not be prejudged by any unit - said he was a section organizer in community for many years and he is not against reorganization.

GEORGE

Member of Litho Club (Local 1). Said he wss only in (printing) trade four or five years, that MURRAY (PH) and I were active in organizational group in Litho, Local 1. Was dismayed by reorganization problem.

PHIL (BART)

Said basically we are all trying to see how the Party can work most effectively - a few weeks ago the National Executive Committee of our Party met and the main point on the agenda was unemployment - the history of the Party shows that the Communists are devoted to winning the working class struggle and that every Communist in the union, shop, community clubs must direct activity towards the working class. PHIL said it was possible to work in both shop and community at the same time inasmuch as he was formerly secretary of a union in NYC with 1,800 members and at the same time was on the CP Section Committee in Brooklyn.

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Feels that Industrial Clubs best help the Party to grow although these clubs produce a lot of talk and almost no action.

ELIHU (HICKS)

He said the Party wants to build a large Party based on industrial workers - we should get into the shops and extend leadership - recruiting is basic and fundamental - if Party is to become Party of the working class it will have to bring the working class to itself.

KARL (LEICHTMAN)

Said he was opposed to dissolution of clubs and section committee - industrial clubs made important contributions to Party in time of crises - Communist Party does need reorganization at this time but on an individual basis. Our industry needs shop clubs.

MILT (ROSEN)

Is visiting dignitary, member of state committee - said trade union work is to be most important work of Party - registration of comrades in trade union field will be about the same as it was two years ago, must recruit to help Party grow.

JOHN (DEVINE)

Chairman, spoke as a member of the night club in which there are fourteen members - said a solid hard working section committee was needed.

HAROLD (COLLINS)

Said this section needs critical evaluation, we need a Communist outlook to make this a Communist convention.

ABE (SCHWARTZ)

Said he was new in industry and club - formerly came from metal trades shop, is presently in comrade [redacted] club (Pressman's club)- does not understand JERRY's report and does not want to vote on it. b6 b7C

JERRY (ZALPH)

Said it is hard to deal with all the questions raised - proposal to set up a fraction comprising local 6 (International Typrographical Union) - Litho-Pressmen is valid - we have to act as a combination of shop units and state units. Said the average attendance of CP members at big six union meetings is six. Stated the growth of our Party in the trade is our goal.

HAROLD (COLLINS)

Asked if section convention has the authority to dissolve a club - mentioned that he was a member of the Kings Club.

JERRY (ZALPH)

Said a membership convention is the highest body of the Party and could make any and all decisions and can delegate decisions to the next higher body.

MILT (ROSEN)

Said this convention should resolve this matter, make a decision and then go out and do it.

Following the general discussion re the proposal on dissolution of three clubs, a substitute proposal was carried by vote of the convention, namely that there will be discussions with each comrade in the Brooklyn, Queens, and Inwood Clubs as to where he could best function, after which these clubs may or may or be dissolved. The final item on the agenda of the convention was an election of section leadership. After discussion of representation on the section committee, it was voted that a section chairman and a six member section committee be elected. AARON (WOOL) was elected section chairman by unanimous vote after the other nominees, IRVING (HERMAN) and JERRY (ZALPH) declined nomination. In declining his nomination JERRY stated that he could not give time to work as section chairman or be on the section committee, that he was pretty much a full time active Communist but would be available when needed and would come to as many section committee meetings as he could.

The chairman announced that nominations were open for the section committee after explaining that only four individuals would be elected inasmuch as section committee would be composed of AARON (section chairman), a representative from Litho, a representative from Pressmen, and the four representatives to be elected at this convention. Those nominated were HAROLD (COLLINS), FRANK (RHYS), [redacted] IRVING HERMAN, JOHN (DEVINE), IRV COHN [redacted]. b6 b7C

FRANK [redacted] and JOHN were immediately elected by secret ballot and due to a three way tie, a hand vote was necessary to elect [redacted] (9 votes) as the final representative on the section committee over IRVING HERMAN (7 votes) and IRV COHN (6 votes).

O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68) DATE: 5-19-61

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33740)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Re Chicago letter, 5/8/61.

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of an informant statement dated May 8, 1961, containing information orally furnished on May 8, 1961, by CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN. This information was reduced to writing on May 12, 1961.

2 - Bureau (Encls. 2) (RM)
3 - New York (RM)
  1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
  1 - 100-80639 (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)
  1 - 100-74560 (CP, USA - FUNDS)
6 - Chicago
  1 - A)134-46
  1 - 100-12459 (FLO HALL)
  1 - 100-17769 (CP, ILLINOIS DIST. - FUNDS)
  1 - 100-18952 (CP, ILLINOIS DIST. - MEMBERSHIP)
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May 8, 1961

On May 6, 1961, PHIL BART, Organizational Secretary, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), was overheard discussing the figures relating to membership and dues payments sent in by the Illinois District of the CP. These figures had been furnished to the National Office by FLO HALL, Organizational Secretary, CP of Illinois, and reflected a total of 350 registrations on hand in the District and that another 50 are due to come in. In regard to dues payments for the District, HALL noted that they were averaging approximately 375 per month.

According to BART, the National Office has received only a total of 324 registrations from the Illinois District to date. On dues payments, the total for the first three months of 1961 received from the Illinois District was 795 and this figure was down from the 825 dues payments for a similar period of 1960. These are the figures maintained by the National Office and it is up to Chicago to give him new and additional up-to-date figures.

Overall, BART feels Chicago is too optimistic on their registration and dues figures.

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TO SAC, NEW YORK

FROM SAC, PHILADELPHIA /100-22157/ 1P

PHILIP BART, IS-C. [redacted] WHO HAS FURNISHED

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3 - Bureau (Encls. 3) (RM)
1 - Detroit (100-13420) (CARL WINTER) (RM)
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1 - 100-23825 (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.)
1 - 100-87211 (CP, USA - FACTIONALISM)
1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
1 - 100-81675 (CP, USA - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)
8 - Chicago
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1 - 100-12459 (FLO HALL)
1 - 100-2748 (SAM KUSHNER)
1 - 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
1 - 100-12789 (GERALDYNE LIGHTFOOT)
1 - 100-18953 (CP, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - ORGANIZATION)
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May 19, 1961

According to PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), there will be held a special meeting in New York City on the day prior to the regular scheduled CP, USA National Committee meeting on May 27, 1961. This meeting on Friday, May 26, 1961, will be held for the purpose of discussing plans regarding the projected bi-weekly issuance of "The Worker".

In view of the fact that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, State Chairman, CP of Illinois, may not be able to attend this meeting because of the illness of his wife, BART desired that SAM KUSHNER and FLO HALL be contacted and requested to come to New York for the discussions on May 26, 1961. He further requested that if HALL and KUSHNER are agreeable to attend this meeting, that they proceed to New York City by the cheapest means of transportation possible in order to keep the meeting costs down.

BART also advised that the matter of the meeting of May 26, 1961, should be discussed with CARL WINTER of Detroit who was to arrive in Chicago on May 18, 1961. BART also wanted WINTER to be requested to be present for this meeting if possible.

BART then noted that on Tuesday, May 30, 1961, there would be a follow-up on the special meeting held in New York on May 9, 1961, regarding BEN DAVIS.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, CLEVELAND Date: 5/22/61

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (97-169)

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On [redacted] advised that on above date an informal discussion took place at CP Headquarters, NYC. The discussion pertained to [redacted] of "The Worker" to improve the Party's work and organization.

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Among those in attendance at the above meeting were the following:

PHIL BART
[redacted]

PHIL BART opened the discussion by stating that the circulation drive should culminate on June 4, and that a general drive should be conducted during the month of May. He said that next week's Worker will carry an appeal by GUS (HALL) to the Party for support of the drive. BART said that certain individuals will be designated to go to various meetings and this program will be worked out in detail next week. He said packages will be made up including recruiting blanks and county meetings will be organized. [redacted] commented that people have to be convinced politically to get the paper, and they now could be sent out by mail.

[redacted] stated that in addition to the county meetings, she felt that the leadership should visit all the clubs to find out what their problems are and to find out how they can be helped. She said that she would endeavor to contact the press directors to find out which of the clubs have done absolutely nothing and then "we" could attend their meetings and see what is wrong.

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[redacted] stated that he mails one paper out in a plain envelope every Thrusday morning and two papers he delivers personally at 8:45 on Fridays on a street acceptable to both of us. He (not identified) picks them up on the way to work. The fifth paper "I" gave to a Negro fellow. These are some of the ways that papers can be delivered.

PHIL BART then gave a report on registration and dues. He pointed out that the report was incomplete, however, it appeared that dues were up generally, adding that there has been a considerable increase in dues. BART noted that this picutre was

incomplete, but that almost all the districts showed an increase. Informant noted that at this point BART then utilized the added security of the blackboard to emphaize certain points, but that this information was not available to the informant.

Informant advised that both [redacted] and [redacted] commented briefly on Party organization and its weaknesses, but both individuals utilized the added security of the blackboard and this information was not available to the informant.

[redacted] commented that after taking a brief trip to Cleveland he came away depressed. He said that he had spoken to a number of people and got the picture of a situation which is not standing still, but rather is going down hill. He said the question of membership has become a very fuzzy thing... and whether an individual is or is not a member has become a matter of secondary importance. This is especially true among the Jewish people, especailly among the younger ones, where their relationship to the Party has become a very vaguely defined thing. [redacted] commented that the question of Party organization has progressively gone to pieces and the bulk of the Jewish people have moved out into the suburbs. He said that he had spoken to [redacted] (ph) and she told him that she has finally succeded after a long period of struggle, to get two or three small groups of possibly four to six people in an effort to reorganize clubs around them. [redacted] stated it was difficult to get an idea as to where the Party stands there (Cleveland ?). The one thing that is solid is the West Side Section, consisting of older nationality groups, who reamin

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"like rocks" and who are not involved in any mass work.

[redacted] felt that in the period ahead the Party should designate someone to go out to the districts and make a detailed examination of what exists there. Preferably the people sent should know the districts adding the only way to get a picture is to go over the district person by person and club by club. On that basis you will be able to see what "we" must do to reverse the situation. The figures from both Michigan and Ohio are discouraging.

[redacted] commented that with regard to dues payments, some areas collect dues and some areas do not. There are some areas that collect dues and send them in and others that collect the dues and do not send them in, so that for some time the dues payments do not reflect fully the membership. b7D

The registration also reflects the looseness in organization. If "we"were to set up a year round checking machinery, we could possibly increase dues payments and have a more accurate registration. [redacted] commented that "we" should continue to strengthen the organizational work and raise the level of dues payments and organization. He noted that this could not be done by districts having so few paid leaders. He said that "we" can conclude that even with what we have, it is not well organized and we do not have sufficient control. He noted that it takes too long to get a registration completed, dues payments are unsatisfactory and most districts are living beyond their means.

[redacted] felt that what was needed was to make an effort to re-establish organizations in a whole number of areas where the Party has been practically liquidated. He thought that a list of possibly 50 cities throughout the country should be made up where in a period of three to five months attempts to re-establish clubs should be made. He felt that if they were able to establish 50 clubs, they would be able to bring into the Party anywhere from 300 to 400 people.

Secondly, [redacted] felt that it would be impossible for the Party to grow unless the circulation of "The Worker" grows. He said that if they are able to solve "The Worker" question, they will be able to establish a base for Party growth.

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Thirdly, [redacted] felt that in connection with educational work the Party should give more attention to the establishment of all kinds of forums and classes. He said that many of the people will come to learn, many of whom have socialist ideas. They will go so far as to read the paper and attend classes, but they will not come into the Party. He said "we" must learn to live with this kind of thing.

[redacted] also expressed the opinion that the party was not giving enough attention to education propaganda. He said that people wanted to know what Communism is all about, but that the Party is not competing enough in the ideological field. He said there were a number of people who were coming closer to the Party psychologically and if properly indoctrinated by our comrades, they

could be brought closer to "us". He said it is necessary to take steps to overcome our weakness. He thought it possible to bring in 1000 people into the Party, as well as bring back those who left the Party.

PHIL BART said that a complete day should be devoted to these problems at the next NEC meeting. BART said it was also necessary that all the latest figures should be brought in.

Informant noted that BART then discussed membership figures, but due to the added security of the blackboard, this information was not available to the informant.

Meeting adjourned.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, PHILADELPHIA Date: 5/22/61

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (97-169)

SUBJECT: PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS
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1-Cleveland (Info) (RM)
1-Detroit (Info) (RM)
1-Newark (Info) (RM)
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(1-100-) (FRANCES GABOW)
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1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-New York (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
1-New York (100-26018) (LOUIS WEINSTOCK) (415)
1-New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (415)
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On 4/15/61, NY 2359-S* advised that on above date a meeting on the Party press was held at CP Headquarters, NYC. On 4/19/61, NY 2362-S* furnished information relating to the press meeting which was given to the members of the National Board, CP, USA, at their weekly meeting held on 4/19/61. The highlights and most important statements made relating to this meeting is set out below.

Among those in attendance at the Party press meeting of 4/15/61, were:

PHIL BART, Chariman
JACK STACHEL
LOUIS WEINSTOCK
BETTY GANNETT
FANNY (LNU)
FRANCES GABOW and others whose identity was unknown to the informant.

Informant advised that PHIL BART acted as chairman of the meeting. JACK STACHEL opened the discussion and commented briefly on the importance of the Party press particularly, "The Worker" in bringing the issues before the people.

LOUIS WEINSTOCK stated that he would make his report brief and to the point. He stated that there was a political underestimation of the role of the Party press by all the districts. He said that the press has to seep in among the people in order to tell them what the CP is all about.

WEINSTOCK said that he first wanted to emphasize that in his opinion there was no sub-drive, adding that the Party may call it a sub-drive, but that actually little was accomplished in the past four months. He noted that there were 1533 renewals which he said was not very good and was merely normal business. As regards new readers, there were 687 listed as of April 7th and in view of this it was necessary to develop a new type of approach on the question of subscriptions.

WEINSTOCK commented that in the Connecticut District in the past three months, they brought in four new subscriptions. He indicated that the Eastern Pennsylvania District had 41 subscriptions.

WEINSTOCK commented that he was extremely disappointed with the results and also because of the lack of attendance at this press meeting. He noted that originally they had expected ten or twelve comrades from the New York District which he had hoped would have a stimulating effect upon the comrades from other districts. He said that the Party was not utilizing all its available forces in the subscription drive, and this particularly applied to New York, Philadelphia, Connecticut and New Jersey.

Continuing, WEINSTOCK commented that in the New York District they were making efforts to build the paper and said that "we" under the name of the paper (The Worker)

are bringing together people explaining the paper's policy, the editorials and organization. He said "we" are organizing in New York a press club, bringing in both Party and non-Party people on which to build a base for "The Worker".

WEINSTOCK related that it was necessary to work among all the national groups in order to convince them that in addition to their language paper they should also get "The Worker" for their children, who no longer speak the language of their parents. He felt that it was necessary to have an overall reexamination as to how the Party operates in the Trade Union movement, mass organizations, peace movement and how to integrate the struggle for the paper in these organizations.

PHIL BART acting as chairman stated that discussions would be limited to approximately ten minutes.

BETTY GANNETT stated that she agreed with LOUIS' (WEINSTOCK) statement, adding that in New York, they are continuing at a low ebb as far as the drive is concerned. She said they have reached about 1/3 of their objective, some clubs having done good work, while others have not obtained a single new subscription.

GANNETT commented that the new subscriptions have to be gotten from people who "we" are related with in our communities and mass work. GANNETT noted that the continuing problem is a reluctance on the part of the comrades to go out with the paper. She said that another problem was the lack of taking advantage of exciting issues in order to increase the paper's circulation.

Informant advised that FANNY (LNU) stated that the Party has never really taught the comrades how to do mass work. She said some comrades felt that they must disguise themselves, adding that she was unable to get anyone in her club to get even one new subscription. FANNY (LNU) thought that this condition existed because the county leadership let them run things in their own way. She concluded that the comrades must develop a sense of responsibility.

FRANCES GABOW stated we are dealing with a serious problem involving a number of things including leadership and the outlook for the paper. "We" established a press committee and a number of new people came. A serious mistake was made in linking the committee to closely to the Party and the Party leadership taking over. Now we are reshaping the committee, changing the name and making it a club, an open forum type with all kinds of topics with the objective of supporting the paper.

Last week in Philadelphia, a thousand people were gathered and all kinds of leaflets were being distributed, but not "The Worker". We could have sold a considerable number of "Workers," but there is a fear of getting out, which has to be overcome. These problems have to be taken up and worked on by the club.

"I" built up a route for "The Worker" and turned it over to a club. They would deliver the paper one week and then miss the following three weeks. People called me wondering what had happened to the paper. The people should go out and sell the paper like a salesman, but instead, they deliver it and have no relationship with them. Relationship of people is necessary and "I" can count on my fingers the number of people who handle the paper.

An individual, whose identity was unknown to the informant, commented that some of the comrades do not receive "The Worker" and they complained that they have no time to read the paper, because they are involved in mass work. This individual felt that there was a need for more experienced comrades to work out a solution.

Another individual, whose identity was unknown to the informant and apparently from the Philadelphia area, stated that she had been reading "The Worker" for the past 30 years, by subscription, and that she would not be without it. This individual felt that the paper was getting better each issue, but thought that since it was only a weekly paper, it should have more pages. She felt that what was lacking in the paper was the failure to constantly stress the differences in our system and in the socialist system. She felt that efforts should be made to point out the unemployment figures in the US as compared to the lack of unemployment in the Soviet Union.

Another individual, whose identity was unknown to the informant and was apparently from the Philadelphia area, stated that "we" considered the labor movement as vital to the building up of the mass movement in the US. He said that two labor papers are published in Philadelphia, which reflect what can be done in the building up of this movement. He said there was a need to show people a way that they can do things without subjecting themselves to too much economic reprisals. He said that a person fears that by going out and selling the paper everyone will see him and, hence, he may lose his job.

FANNY (LNU) stated that "we" had sold "The Worker" outside a labor meeting, but they complained that they did not want to be associated with us. PHIL BART them commented that when "The Worker" goes into a certain group, its influence is felt. He stated that there is a need to build up the circulation of the paper and one means of doing this would be to get the names of individuals from

the various clubs of those members who have dropped out. He commented that [redacted] (ph) of Chicago, was one of the largest circulation builders and that "he ferreted out people". b6 b7C

BART commented that it was necessary that the paper should become the focal point of the Party, and that new subscriptions should be the main objective. He said it was also necessary to revive the old newsstands that were formerly used. He also recommended that there by a national press day possibly on May 21, for the whole Party under the sponsorship of "The Worker".

BART closed the discusseon by recommending that possibly LOUIS (WEINSTOCK), JACK (STACHEL) and himself would visit various districts within the next several weeks regarding the press. He also recommended that the next conference be organized for June 3.

On 4/19/61, NY 2362-S* advised that on the above date a meeting of the National Board, CP, USA and invited guests, was held at CP Headquarters, NYC. During that meeting discussion was had concerning the recent press conference held 4/15/61.

PHIL BART gave the National Board members a brief rundown of what had transpired at the April 15 meeting. BART stated that the response to "The Worker" meeting was a reflection of the response to the drive itself. Among those present were people from Philadelphia, and from NY, only industrial and Manhattan was represented. No one came in from New England and no one from New Jersey, as well as Maryland. In the report by LOUIS (WEINSTOCK) it

became evident that there was no circulation drive. What you have is a renewal of subscriptions and a certain amount of new subscriptions, which would come in normally without any drive. BART stated that it was proposed that there be a basic change especially as regards the circulation drive. He stated that motions were adopted as follows:

1. A committee of LOUIS (WEINSTOCK), JACK (STACHEL) and himself, are to arrange meetings with all East Coast districts to discuss the circulation drive. Outside NY the meetings will be held with the district boards and in NY the meetings will be held on a county basis.

2. The meetings will direct their main attention to the circulation of the press and to set up objectives for the next several weeks.

3. Following the activities of the next several weeks there shall be arranged some time around the end of May a national press day with efforts being made to involve the largest number of people possible.

BART felt that on that day it might be possible to visit anywhere from 1200 to 1500 former readers of the paper in order to get them to resubscribe. He said also that in addition to the national press day possibly a national conference, one for the whole country, or two conferences, one to be held in the east and one in the midwest, could be arranged. BART stated that all the above proposals were accepted unanimously.

LOUIS (WEINSTOCK) stated that in the last

four months we have resistered 600 new readers, but with the normal cancellations, he did not believe the circulation was increased by 121. He noted that in Detroit, there is a full timer in charge of "The Worker", but that only six or eight new subscriptions have been obtained in the past four months, and added that the same can be said of Ohio and New Jersey.

WEINSTOCK commented that there was no political understanding of the members of building the press. He said this was a serious problem for the national leadership. He stated that the Party has to examine how to carry out its activities saying that the Party was not moving, but rather just standing still.

GUS HALL commented as part of the circulation drive there should be some discussion regarding the makeup and the content of the paper. He said the midwest edition is not producing results and there have been a lot of negative views concerning it.

IRVING POTASH next proposed that the question of "The Worker" should become a special order of business in the next two or three weeks, and there should be a full dress discussion regarding the problems of "The Worker".

CLARENCE HATHAWAY expressed the opinion that "The Worker" should assign someone to the job of handling the promotion of our circulation campaign.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: 5/23/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CP, USA ORGANIZATION
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CARE MUST BE USED IN REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

There follows a resume of a discussion which took place in CP Headquarters, NYC, on 5/1/61 as reported by NY 2858-S* on that date.

2-Bureau (100-3-69) (RM)
1-Baltimore (100-) (RM)
1-Chicago (RM)
1-Cleveland (RM)
1-Newark (RM)
1-Philadelphia (RM)
1-San Francisco (RM)
1-NY 100-9595 (WILLIAM WEINSTONE) (415)
1-NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY 100-32826 (JIM ALLEN) (415)
1-NY 100-18065 (JACK STACHEL) (415)
1-NY 100-84994 (GUS HALL) (415)
1-NY 100-23825 (BEN DAVIS) (415)
1-NY 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH) (415)
1-NY 100-128255 (DANNY RUBIN) (415)
1-NY 100-89590 (CP USA Strategy in Industry) (415)
1-NY 100-80644 (CP USA Youth Matters) (415)
1-NY 100-1696 (ELIZABETH G. FLYNN)
1-NY 100-80641

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WILLIAM WEINSTONE

The proposal is that within the next month or so, probably from May 15 to June 15 that we try to arrange neighborhood meetings and national group meetings in all forms possible. This meeting will be underdifferent auspices, the "Friends", etc. in order to get across our line, slogan. We ought to be able to organize about 50 meetings.

New York, Philadelphia, New Jersey, Baltimore. Chicago can organize the midwest. In Cleveland we will try to get community meetings instead of a general one. In that way we can reach as many Party members and sympathizers as possible in order to orient them on the present situation in the line of policies and slogans. Secondly, we want to see if we can approach the left forces to have a symposium. This would include "The Guardian", the Quakers, the Socialist Party, and other peace elements. This symposium would in reality be some kind of expression on the present situation. Possibly we could get "The Guardian" to take the initiative in calling such a gathering with the assurance that we would participate in it. Third, we can follow up on the radio. GUS HALL and BEN DAVIS can send letters or contact the networks. We can send letters to the principal broadcasting stations on getting the viewpoint of the Communists, and once again approach MIKE WALLACE on this question.

We can write an open letter to labor, all liberal elements in the Democratic and Republican Parties, peace forces, Negro leaders, and youth leaders on the present turn of events. JIM (ALLEN) and I will prepare such a two-page letter calling on them to take a stand on the present KENNEDY policy on the situation at home and abroad. IRVING (POTASH) is to approach the

trade union people to see what he can get from the Chicago Conference people. DANNY (RUBIN) will approach the youth and student organizations.

PHIL BART

With regard to the radio, I have two letters from each of the stations that they will not permit a Communist on there--CBS, NBC, Mutual, etc. As a matter of fact we have been having trouble with V.A.I. I noticed in yesterday's paper that they (V.A.I.) changed managers. I wrote to ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN on the West Coast. If we can get a Cuban talk by her on that station in San Francisco, we can have it sent here and maybe get it on here.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284) 5/23/61

SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

PHILIP BART
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Weekly Summary, 5/15-5/21/61
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5/15/61

NY 1749-S* advised the subject had contacted CP Headquarters, and spoke to ELIZABETH LAWSON and RUTH SHULMAN. Subject stated that he probably would not be in that day. However, MARY (KAUFMAN) would probably be by to pick up some money. He told LAWSON that he expected to get this money from "State" (NY State CP), and that he wanted it given to SHULMAN so that she, in turn, could give it to MARY. He later told SHULMAN that he expected about $300.00 from "downstairs".

5/16/61

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject's wife, CONNIE, had contacted BETTY GANNETT, and told her that the subject would be late in meeting her that evening. CONNIE and GANNETT then discussed the possibility of both of them meeting the following day and finally agreed to get together the following evening.

5/17/61

NY 2362-S* advised that the subject had been present at a meeting of leading CP functionaries of the CP, USA, held at CP Headquarters in NY. At this meeting, the subject delivered a report on the plan of work adopted by the Organizational Bureau. The subject then gave 11 suggested

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changes of procedure which would effect the Party organization and objectives. (NY airtel to Director, dated 5/17/61, captioned "CP, USA-ORGANIZATION).

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife, CONNIE, discussed a New York State Committee meeting which CONNIE was to attend that evening at Adelphi Hall. CONNIE mentioned that she had to see BETTY GANNETT before the meeting.

CONNIE then asked the subject about the suggestions for Party re-organization that he had drawn up and given that day at a meeting at CP Headquarters. She also questioned him as to whether he received any credit for doing this job. The subject became very mad and agitated, and commented that he had done the job, but that he was not looking for personal glory. "I did it as a good Communist should do it, collectively, with all comrades in mind". He also stated that, after all, some of the suggestions did contain the ideas of several members of the Committee.

5/18/61

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject's wife, CONNIE, had contacted MIMI FRIEDLANDER and VERA HATHAWAY and questioned them about the condition of CLARENCE HATHAWAY. FRIEDLANDER told her that he would be in the hospital for a good period of time, and that she was going to stay there with VERA for a while in order to take care of her. CONNIE told VERA that she and the subject will try to drop by the following evening.

5/19/61

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had discussed late that evening a meeting from which the subject had just returned. The subject stated he had gotten a ride home from JIM TORMEY. He stated that the meeting did not start

until 8:30 and that they had between 28 and 30 people there. He stated that GUS HALL made a good introduction stressing 2 things:

1. Mass policy in elections
2. Defending Socialist Cuba

[redacted] advised that the subject was scheduled to attend the Second Session of the District Committee Meeting of the CP of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware which was to be held the following day. b7D

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject had returned late in the evening to his residence, and advised his wife that he had had a good meeting that day in Philadelphia, but was exceptionally tired, and was going to bed immediately, as he was to be in at the office early the following morning.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-14899)

SA FRANCIS T. LEONARD (415)

ANDY REMES
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NY 2010-S* advised 5/19/61, that ANDY contacted PHIL BART. BART explained that since ANDY is going to prison it was felt at CP Headquarters that an effort should be made to have him assigned to Danbury (Connecticut) so that he could help WINSTON (HENRY) within the confines of prison rules.

BART stated that MARY (KAUFMAN) is attending a convention in Chicago and staying at the Congress Hotel there. BART stated that "they" will have to call BENNETT (PH) head of the Bureau of Prisons today as ANDY turns himself in on Monday. ANDY told BART he will call MARY KAUFMAN right away.

1-New York (100-) (MARY KAUFMAN)
1-New York (100-) (PHIL BART)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-86) DATE: 5-22-61

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33737)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS
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On May 15, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided SA RICHARD W. HANSEN with a one page mimeographed item dated May 9, 1961, and addressed to all Districts. This item was issued over the name of PHIL BART, Organizational Secretary, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), and had been received through the mail from the National Office, CP, USA, on May 12, 1961. The item was photostated by the Chicago Office on May 15, 1961, and returned to the source on that date. One photostat of this item has been made an exhibit in Chicago file 100-33737-1A57. Two photostats of this item are being enclosed herewith for the Bureau and New York.

This item notes that a major pamphlet for the Party's campaign for peace entitled "The Lessons of Cuba" by JAMES ALLEN was now going to press. It notes that this pamphlet includes facts about the invasion, the role of CIA and other agencies, the position of the KENNEDY Administration and other forces, and the basic things about the Cuban Revolution itself. It is

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7 - New York (Encls. 2) (RM)
  1 - 100-32828 (JAMES ALLEN)
  1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
  1 - 100-89691 (CP, USA - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES)
  1 - 100-86624 (CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
  1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
  1 - 100-81675 (CP, USA - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)
  1 - 100-10989 (NEW CENTURY PUBLISHERS)
3 - Chicago
  1 - A)134-46
  1 - 100-18209 (CP, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)

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noted that it will be a pamphlet of 32 pages which will be published by New Century Publishers to retail at $.15 a copy through book shops. For mass distribution by the Party, quantity orders can be made for $75.00 a thousand copies. The request was contained in this item that orders be immediately sent in so that copies might be sent out as soon as they come off the press.

United States Government

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (122-2048) Date: 5/24/61

FROM : SAC, NY (122-511)

SUBJECT: U.S. vs. JAMES WEST, ET AL
LMRA-1947 (SM), CONSPIRACY

CARE MUST BE USED IN REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

On 5/18/61, NY 2858-S* advised of a discussion in CP Headquarters, NYC, among WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Vice Chairman, New York District (NYD); PHIL BART, Organizational Secretary, CPUSA; HY LUMER, a defendant in captioned case; and ISADORE WOFSY, who is in charge of the CP national reserve fund.

PHIL BART mentioned that a $5,000 bond will be put up on HY LUMER. WILLIAM PATTERSON then observed that LUMER will not be going to prison until August (1961). He indicated that he hoped to get $2,500 in cash from BEN. BART asked "Is his name SAM or BEN?" and PATTERSON replied "His name is BEN. I call him SAM". (The reference is believed to be to Dr. BERNARD BENJAMIN SEGAL, 126 East 64th Street, NYC, since he has financially assisted the Party in the past).

2 - Bureau (122-2048)(RM)
2 - Cleveland (INFO)(RM)
(1 - 100-)(ANTON KRCHMAREK)
1 - NY (100-74560)(CPUSA-FUNDS)(415)
1 - NY (100-128314)(CPUSA-NYD, FUNDS)(414)
1 - NY (100-84275)(WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)(414)
1 - NY (100-56579)(PHIL BART)(415)
1 - NY (100-19679)(ISADORE WOFSY)(415)
1 - NY (100-91737)(Dr. BERNARD SEGAL)(424)
1 - NY (100-93611)(LYDIA MINOR)(421)
1 - NY (100-105078)(HY LUMER)(415)
1 - NY (122-511)(415)

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BART mentioned that, if PATTERSON were unsuccessful in getting the full amount from him (BEN or SAM) he would call LYDIA. (The reference here is believed to be to LYDIA MINOR as she has financially assisted the Party in the past.)

LUMER asked if there is any other place the money could be borrowed and BART replied "We'll know in the next half hour. He took a cab over there and will be right back." LUMER then remarked "We are raising money toward the bonds. That is being put in a common pool and will be divided among the defendants. So I propose that we get someone to put up that amount as a bail loan. Whatever money comes in will be put in the kitty for the fines and this person will get it come hell or high water. It will be turned over to KRCH (ANTON KRCHMAREK) and he will use it to pay off."

BART commented "KRCH can use only half of it, right? He (PATTERSON) went over in a cab and will be right back. BEN will give him cash. He never gives him checks. We want to make it clear to him (BEN) that his $2,500 is clear August 10 come hell or high water. When your (LUMER'S) bail comes back only half will go to pay back the bail and the other half will go to BEN SEGAL. In case you do have to see LYDIA we want to find out if she got back the GENE money" (possibly referring to money used for GENE DENNIS).

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-1287)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-17787)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
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ISA OF 1950

CC: NEW YORK

EXTREME CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH THE HANDLING AND REPORTING OF THE INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE. (C)

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 3 copies of an informant statement dated 5/23/61 containing info orally furnished on 5/23/61 by CG 5824-3*, who has furnished reliable info in the past, to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN. This info was reduced to writing on 5/23/61. (C)

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3 - Bureau (Encls. 3) (RM)
3 - New York (RM)
1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
1 - 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
2 - Chicago
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ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), departed Chicago, Illinois via the Pennsylvania Railroad's Broadway Limited at 5:00 p.m., Central Daylight Time, enroute to New York City. She is scheduled to arrive in New York City at 9:30 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time. ~~(C)~~

On the evening of May 22, 1961, EMIL BART, Organizational Secretary, CP, USA, was contacted on behalf of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN and requested to meet her upon her arrival in New York City. ~~(C)~~

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TO: SAC, NEWARK (100-4284-4P-1) DATE: 5/24/61
FROM: SA RUSSELL H. HORNER
SUBJECT: CP, USA, NEW JERSEY DISTRICT
NEWARK DIVISION, PASSAIC COUNTY
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Date received	[redacted] (name or symbol number)	Received by
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2 - New York (RM)
(1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
(1 - [redacted]
7 - Newark
(1 - 100-19491) [redacted]
(1 - 100-23762)
(1 - 100-35106)
(1 - 100-4284E) (ORGANIZATION)
(1 - 100-4284U) (FACTIONALISM)
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On [redacted] was overheard in conversation with [redacted] at the National Office. From this conversation, it developed that [redacted] is a member of the Paterson group of the NJCP. [redacted] told [redacted] that he had come over to the National Office in an effort to try and get a speaker for an affair to be held at Camp Midvale sometime during the middle of May 1961. [redacted] told [redacted] that the Party members in Paterson never get an opportunity to discuss problems with the district representative. b7D (This is further evidence of the fact that [redacted] who supposedly has liaison duties with the Paterson group, has not been carrying out these duties.)

PHIL BART, who was also present during this discussion, told PURETZ he could not arrange to have [redacted] in New Jersey on this particular date but indicated to [redacted] that he would contact him at a later date concerning this problem.

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FD-306 (3-21-58)

TO: SAC, NEWARK (100-43600) DATE: 5/24/61
FROM: SA RUSSELL H. HORNER
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4/19/61 [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in the past

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Brief Resume: Conversation between [redacted], PHIL BART and [redacted]

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4 - New York (RM)
(1 - 100-56579 - PHIL BART)
(1 - 100-16021 - [redacted]
(1 - - Sane (National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy))
(1 - [redacted]

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On [redacted], PHIL BART and [redacted] were overheard in conversation with [redacted] District discussing the situation in Sane. During this discussion, BART and [redacted] indicated that the National Office has taken no definite view concerning whether the youth section of Sane should remain with the national group or should divorce itself and become autonomous. It was pointed out that [redacted] was coming into the National Office to discuss this question. BART and [redacted] indicated that at present it is a local issue and that no national CP stand will be taken at present.

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-4284E)
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(1 - 100-48033) [redacted]
(1 - 100-18065)
(1 - 100-16021)
(1 - 100-54555)
(1 - 100-74560) (CP, USA FUNDS)
(1 - 100-87221) (CP, USA FACTIONALISM)
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(1 - 100-) [redacted]
(1 - 100-3740) (MORRIS CHILDS)

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On [redacted] the following people were observed at COMMUNIST PARTY, USA (CP, USA), Headquarters, New York City:

[redacted]

PHIL BART

[redacted]

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In addition, there was quite a bit of activity with other people coming in. The reason for this other activity was that a delegation was going to Moscow on that day. The following people were among those going to Moscow and were seen on various occasions talking to [redacted] and others:

[redacted]

The five above-named individuals and probably others were taking a plane at 6:00 p.m. on [redacted] for Moscow. [redacted] were to drive with them to the airport.

A comment was made about CP Headquarters that the group represented "our delegation to the May Day celebration in Moscow".

PHIL BART was observed giving [redacted] an envelope of money containing $500, for which she signed a receipt. [redacted] also was observed signing a receipt for money given to him by PHIL BART. (It is judged that BART was handing out this expense money for immediate personal financial needs; however, when the group does cross into Russia, it can be assumed that all expenses will be taken care of there. The source also speculates and is convinced that the CP, USA, as such, has no money with which to finance airplane travel and the giving out of expense money and that necessarily this money would have to be provided from some place).

Conjecture on the part of the source concerning those selected to go is as follows: First, it is noted that there was

one from each of certain named districts. Second, the persons who were elected are the types of people whom the leadership would want to consolidate or win more closely to the national leadership and whom they desire to use to help and strengthen the present national leadership. In some cases it would almost appear as a direct payoff to people like [redacted] who is one of the remnants of the old right-wing group. It could also be considered a direct payoff to [redacted] who had supported the [redacted] faction and was against [redacted] of Boston. It can be surmised that she is being used in the fight against [redacted] in order to start a new group in Boston. In terms of Party contributions and steadfastness, she has not always come through. With reference to [redacted] of Baltimore, it is to be observed that he is a Negro from a district where there is presently no real activity. This trip will serve to build up the prestige of [redacted] and it is felt that as a result of this he will then take the side of the present national leadership. Concerning [redacted] it is alleged that he is not too strong in support of the present national leadership. His going also has a political objective for the national leadership. In all, the trip can be considered a junket which will creat a stronger base of support for the present national leadership among certain people and in certain districts.

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It was observed that not all in National Headquarters of the CP, USA, were in favor of this trip. One who made mention of this opposition was [redacted] who remarked somewhat bitterly that "It looks as though you have to be a certain type to go". She mentioned that no one had spoken to either herself or any of her associates about making the trip.

These people who are making the trip will not in any way set policy. They are not considered an authoritative group. In all, it is just a junket.

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Date: 5/25/61

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Via AIRTEL RM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM : SAC, NY (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
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There are transmitted herewith eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning a meeting of the National Board and invited guests of the CPUSA held in CP Headquarters, NYC, on 5/24/61.

The Confidential source utilized was NY 2359-S*.

WFO is requested to alert the Metropolitan Police to the possibility of a demonstration before the White House on Memorial Day.

The NYCPD has been alerted re demonstrations this weekend.

This memorandum has been classified confidential because it contains information from a source, the unauthorized disclosure of which would seriously impair the investigation of the CPUSA and such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-8529) 5/26/61

SA HAROLD P. QUINN

MARY KAUFMAN
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Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Characterization	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	5/15/61

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 5/15/61, PHIL BART contacted ELIZABETH (LAWSON) and RUTH (SHULMAN) at MUrray Hill 5-5755. ELIZABETH answered and PHIL told her he doesn't know if he will be in today and that if he is, it will probably be quite late. PHIL then asked to speak to RUTH, repeating to her what he had previously told ELIZABETH. PHIL then added that there is supposed to be "some money" in from "downstairs." PHIL then told RUTH that the first thing then is that "MARY" (KAUFMAN) will be in and he instructs RUTH to ask MARY what she needs as he said MARY has to get some money today. PHIL said MARY will get from "that thing" and that what's left over "we'll hold on the taxes," adding that then "I'll get the other thing for the elevator - I'll get some money." RUTH agreed and remarked that taxes have to go in today, but that she guesses they can go in tomorrow. PHIL retorted that there should be enough for "both" then "from what she will give you downstairs" because he said he spoke to "her" late "Fri - ". RUTH then asked how much MARY's amount will run "about 150?" PHIL replied that he thinks so, but added that he has no idea. PHIL then told RUTH that there should be "about 300 in from- downstairs." RUTH said she hopes so, explaining that she wonders whether "they" remembered they (also) have to pay taxes. PHIL said he saw and talked to "him" (ph or them?) about it and that "this" is supposed to be "the minimum we get." PHIL then repeated that "we're supposed to get about 300 from downstairs and that should take care of both of these things." RUTH said that's good and they then concluded.

1-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY (100-8033) (ELIZABETH LAWSON)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-134637-Sub A) DATE: 5/24/61

FROM: SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON

SUBJECT: SOLO
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1-NY 134-91 (INV.) (41)
1-NY 65-17696 (TRACING OF AMERICAN MONEY USED BY SOVIETS IN ESPIONAGE OPERATIONS) (34)
1-NY 100-129629 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (414)
1-NY 100-32826 (JAMES ALLEN) (415)
1-NY 100-80532 (HERBERT APTHEKER) (415)
1-NY 100-56579 (PHILIP BART) (415)
1-NY 100-25623 (ERIK BERT) (415)
1-NY 101-559 (JESUS COLON) (415)
1-NY 100-106126 (MIKE CRENOVICH) (424)
1-NY 100-23825 (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS) (415)
1-NY 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
1-NY 100-93665 (MIRIAM FRIEDLANDER) (421)
1-NY 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT) (414)
1-NY 100-13473 (SIMON GERSON) (415)
1-NY 100-84994 (GUS HALL) (415)
1-NY 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
1-NY 100-91330 (HUNTER PITTS O'DELL) (415)
1-NY 100-16021 (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
1-NY 100-105078 (HYMAN LUMER) (415)
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1-NY 100-84275 (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (414)
1-NY 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH) (415)
1-NY 100-95550 (PAUL ROBESON, JR.) (414)
1-NY 100-64074 (NATHAN ROSENBLUTH) (42)
1-NY 100-18065 (JACOB STACHEL) (415)
1-NY 100-15946 (JAMES TORMEY) (422)
1-NY 100-26018 (LOUIS WEINSTOCK) (415)
1-NY 100-9595 (WILLIAM WEINSTONE) (415)
1-NY 100-74560 (CPUSA-FUNDS) (415)
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Re memorandum of SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON, 4/4/61, captioned "SOLO;IS-C," containing instructions for tracing money expended by members of the CP directly to the funds obtained by the Party from abroad.

On 5/10/61, while in Washington, D.C., the writer conferred with Mr. FRED BAUMGARTNER, Section Chief, Domestic Intelligence Division.

Mr. BAUMGARTNER stressed the importance of the above-mentioned money tracing operation and the Bureau's interest in it. He stated that it is not the Bureau's purpose that all funds from abroad be traced, but that evidence of the transfer from the CPUSA or CP officials of three or four substantial sums to payees be developed.

Mr. BAUMGARTNER stated that once information is received reflecting transfer from an informant to a CPUSA functionary of money from abroad it is incumbent upon the individual case agent, consistently with security, to trace this money into the hands of a payee, and to indicate in the individual case report what efforts have been, or will be, made to trace the said money, or why it is inconsistent with security to trace the money. (Although Mr. BAUMGARTNER did not mention the matter, it is believed that reports of a money tracing operation, for security reasons, should not appear in the investigative section of a report).

In a monthly letter to the Bureau reporting transfers of funds from abroad from the informant to CPUSA functionaries, the NYO must incorporate a statement to the effect that the transfers of funds mentioned in the said letter are being traced, and that the result of the tracing investigation will be reported under the caption of the CPUSA functionaries to whom money from abroad has been transferred by the informant.

Mr. BAUMGARTNER cited as an example of proper investigation with regard to tracing money from abroad a situation where transportation for a CP functionary may be purchased at a travel agency friendly to the CP. Although it would be inconsistent

with security to do any checking at the travel agency itself, the deposits of the said travel agency at a bank could be checked to ascertain whether such deposits included money from abroad.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-63) May 29, 1961

SAC, CHICAGO (100-33742)

CP, USA - FUNDS
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CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH THE HANDLING OF THE INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE.

On May 19, 1961, CG 5324-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN a one page typewritten legal sized item captioned "CP, USA, Fin. Report for the Year - 1960, 1/1/60 to 12/31/60". This report, which bears the initials "C.D.", was apparently prepared by CHARLES DIRBA, according to the source. The financial report had been furnished to the source by PHIL BART, Organizational Secretary, Communist Party (CP), USA, for use and review by the Audit Sub-Committee of the National Control Commission, CP, USA.

The above item was photostated by the Chicago Office and the original returned to the source on May 19, 1961. One photostat has been retained by the Chicago Office and made an exhibit in Chicago file 100-33742-1A31. Two photostats are enclosed herewith for the Bureau and for New York.

Since a review of the report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, dated April 20, 1961, at New York, captioned "Communist Party, USA, Internal Security - C", reflects that pertinent verbatim portions of the above noted financial report have been set forth, it does not appear that additional dissemination of this item is necessary at this time. Accordingly, no further action in this regard is being taken by the Chicago Office.

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SA WILLIAM E. HUGHES

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On 4/7/61, PH 547-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised [redacted] that he learned that THOMAS NABRIED received a long distance telephone call from an unknown man in New York in the early evening of 4/7/61. This man told NABRIED that PHIL (BART) wanted to see NABRIED on 4/8/61 on a very important matter. He told NABRIED to take down the address 303 125th Street, New York City, top floor. He said NABRIED could reach this address by taking either the 8th Avenue or 6th Avenue line to 125th Street. He asked when NABRIED expected to arrive in New York, and was told he expected to arrive about 3 p.m. The man emphasized again that NABRIED was to be sure to see PHIL before leaving New York. b6 b7C

For the assistance of New York, NABRIED was going to New York 4/8,9/61 to attend a meeting of the National Negro Commission, USA, on those dates.

On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, described THOMAS NABRIED as District Chairman, CPPPD, and a member of the National Committee, CPUSA. b7D

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MIMI FRIEDLANDER
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CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

On 5/25/61, NY 2359-SF advised that on the above date, PHIL BART mentioned that GUS (HALL) had talked to MIMI (FRIEDLANDER?) about working in the New England District and she agreed. Continuing, BART commented that if she goes, she will not be head of the district, but will be paid by "them" (New England District) and will travel around and meet with the organizer.

Above for information.

1-NY (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (415)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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Enclosed herewith are 13 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning a meeting of the enlarged National Executive Committee (NEC) CPUSA, and invited guests held at CP Headquarters, NYC, 5/27,28/61.

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(1-100-) (BOB LEE)
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(1-100-) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
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(1-100-) (DANNY QUEEN)
(1-100-) (COMINFIL NAACP)
(1-100-) (SOUTHSIDE UNEMPLOYMENT COUNCIL)
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(1-100-) (AFRO-AMERICAN HERITAGE ASSOCIATION)
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The confidential source utilized was NY 2359-S*.

The following individuals were observed entering CP Headquarters, presumably to attend the above meeting. They attended both sessions except HY LUMER and WILLIAM L. PATTERSON who were not in attendance on 5/28/61. BOB LEE of Baltimore was observed entering CP Headquarters on 5/28/61.

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1-New York (100-31019) (COMINFIL OF LABOR UNIONS) (41)
1-New York (100-29166) (COMINFIL ILWU) (413)
1-New York (100-128814) (CPUSA - NYD - ORGANIZATION) (414)
1-New York (100-140528) (COMINFIL SANE) (41)
1-New York (100-83317) (HOSEA HUDSON) (415)
1-New York (100-131666) (CPUSA - SOUTHERN REGION) (415)

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NY 2359-S* advised that during the evening session, 5/27/61, the following were introduced as being in attendance for discussion of Youth Matters:

[redacted]

MARVIN MARKMAN

[redacted]

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SAC (100-31723) 5/23/61

SA [redacted]

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On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided a written statement by mail to SA [redacted]. This statement is maintained in [redacted]

1 - Detroit (RM)
1 - 100- ("THE WORKER")

1 - New York (RM)
1 - 100-56579 (PHILIP BART)

29- Philadelphia
1 - 100-31723
28 - Other related files

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"The District Executive Committee of the Communist Party of Eastern Penna. and Delaware, met on Tuesday [redacted]

"The following Communists were present:

[redacted]

"The agenda was as follows:

"Press [redacted]
AFL-CIO Convention
D. Committee Meeti[redacted]

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"The comrades were in good spirits. They were happy about the recent open air party meetings and the very sucessful Youth Affair held on Sunday 5/7/61. So they went into the meeting feeling a little pleased at Phila.'s Communist Party.

[redacted] opened the meeting. Some of the highlights are quote: 'Comrades there's a move on the part of the President to return to the Eisenhower-Dulles Policy of the Cold War; and Brinkmanship.'

"'An example of this can be seen in this country's interference in Cuba. It shows that the ruling class is afraid to give up the Cold War.'

"'This can be seen in Ex-Vice-Pres. NIXON's recent speech; in which he called for intervention in Cuba, Laos.'

"'It is also seen in the rising of Ultra-Right groups, such as the John Birch Society, Barry Goldwater of Ariz. and others. These groups are bringing pressure to bear upon KENNEDY and he's responding.'

"'The party and the Left must begin to mobilize every force to reach out to breader masses of the people.'

"'To this end the party has begun a campaign to build the circulation of the press. The Worker has set June 4, 1961 as "Press Day." The party hopes to mobilize 600 people around the press on that day.'

"'This in my estimation is a correct step taken by the party.'

"'Following this line the party in Detroit on May Day sold 2000 (underscoring appears in informant's original statement) papers.'

"'In Phila. we have held two street meetings; both held in N. Phila. We have been very sucessful in these meetings and the people accepted us. We hadonly one heckler, a small boy, and one crack-pot bought the paper and than tore it up.'

"'We distributed leaflets previous to both meetings and the people in the area were glad to know there was such an animal as the Communist Party in Phila. This is not my own thinking, it was also told to us by many of the un-employed Negroes in the area.'

"'We have also been covering some meetings in center city and our circulation (underscoring appears in informant's original statement) has grown (underscoring appears in informant's original statement).'

"'In view of these things I am proposing 75 subs from now until June 4, 1961 - and an extra $1000.00 in funds to be raised, to be given to the paper.'

"'I am also proposing that June 4, 1961, be the final turn-in, and on that evening we are holding a dinner. It will be a fund raising affair.'

"'On June the 4th, every possible person will be out selling papers. When they are finished they will return to the dinner.' The dinner will be $1.00. Reservations will have to be made in advance; and we are asking [redacted] and [redacted] to prepare the menu.' b7D

"'I also propose that since we do not have the "Southern Solidarity Dues, that .25 of every trial sub, and 50 of every Regular sub be given to the National Office to be used by the party for work in the South.'

"'Friends as well as party members should be brought to this dinner. Prizes will be given to the ones selling the highest number of subs. There'll be three prizes. I would like the comrades to make suggestions on the prizes. Also anyone selling 10 subs will be admitted to the dinner free.'

"'We must also be flexible comrades, in running into people who may not want to receive the paper through the mail;' we must set up ways and means of delivering the paper to them from the sub-rate bundle.'

"'The National Office is also asking an increase in the Peace Crusade parellel to the press drive.'

"'It is asking that 100 (underscoring appears in informant's original statement) meetings around the issue of peace be held through out the nation; during the period of May 15 - July 15. Meetings of all types, discussions, answer and question periods. House gatherings, mass meetings, using the question of Cuba as a springboard. I feel we can hold 35 such meetings in Phila. The clubs must arrange these meetings.'

"'There are two sections of the people we must concentrate upon, Negro people and the ever growing Puerto Rican population in Phila., and the National groups.'

"'The National Office is going to issue a speakers guide, an outline on what is to be discussed at these meetings.'

"'Another task we have is to further strengthen the Youth paper.'

"'The National Office is also going to send us spanish leaflet to be used in the Pureto Rica area. A pamphlet on Cuba is also going to be issued.'

"'Here we are going to hold street meetings every week. The concentration points are W. Phila. and N. Phila. In W. Phila. 40th & Brown St., rather than 40th & Lancaster, because it is a residential community and we can return again and again to contacts. 31st & York in N. Phila. is chosen for the same reason. We will meet two (2) sucessive weeks in each place.'

"'I would like for [redacted] to give us some figures on the press circulation.' end of quote.

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[redacted] 'I have a brief report here on what was sold.

1st open air meeting - sold 24 copies of Worker.
2nd " " " " 7 " " "
May Day Affair " 23 " " "
At the Socialist Labor Party meeting - 10
" " Youth Affair 5/7/61 - 10
" " Cuban Fair Play Comm. meeting - 45
" " Unitarian Church meeting on C.R. 9
and there was some canvassing - 17

There were about 155 papers sold in the last two weeks, which is a terrific improvement.' unquote.

[redacted] 'This is a very encouraging report and in many instances we have gone back and established some ties, some have even taken subs. Some clubs are already at work. The 6th CD for example have turned in several subs.'

"'Comrades I know this goes into another point, but I am having a difficult time finding places for meetings and dinners.'

"'Now I have a place for the District Committee meeting _ it is at [redacted], But what about the dinner'?

[redacted] 'I would suggest that [redacted] see [redacted] and [redacted] and ask them if we could use their place for one day of the D.C. meeting and use [redacted] place for the other day. Than we could have [redacted] place for the dinner because it is larger.'

[redacted] 'Thats an excellent idea and if the [redacted] cant see themselves clear, than you use any place.'

[redacted] 'This is a good idea, I will see the [redacted] and [redacted] has already given permission her place can be used on Sat. So the first day of the D.C. will be at [redacted] and I will see the [redacted]

"The comrades accepted [redacted] report . [redacted] asked [redacted] to raise the question at the club meeting because [redacted] did not attend the City Committee meeting. b7D

"On the AFL-CIO-state convention to be held May 23-26 at the Shearotin Hotel [redacted] said leaflets on un-employment would be distributed one day and _the Worker_ on another day.

[redacted] asked [redacted] if anything else could be done. [redacted] told them that most Locals had already met and all resolutions were in. The only other way to influence any thinking at that convention is to influence delegates sitting on committies at the convention. This meant contacts. She knew a few people and [redacted] should know if other comrades had any such contacts. [redacted] felt this was an excellent idea. He said he would see [redacted] and few others on this. He would like to see the questions around Civil Rights, Unemployment pushed. He didn't know what could be done on the peace question.

[redacted] suggested that the pamphlet put out by the Labor Research Association be sent to key delegates. She knew that officers of locals, business-agents would attend. The pamphlets deal with the 30-hr. work wk. She felt key delegates in Steel, Brewery should receive these pamphlets. The comrades agreed. [redacted] said he was asking the National Office to donate 800 Workers to be distributed free at the Convention. The comrades approved of this.

"On the District Committe[redacted] said we already had the places. It would be held 5/20 and 5/21. PHIL BART would be in on Sunday and the agendas were_

"Sat. - Legislation
Sun. - Some Trade Union aspects
N.E.C. Report by TOM

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"She said the extra people have been invited and everything was finally set after much delay. The meetings will be from 10:30 to 5:00, each day.

[redacted] asked [redacted] if she would raise the question of the Youth Conservation Core that is being introduce to Congress. [redacted] said she would raise it with some of the delegates at the AFL-CIO Convention, but must have more details, as to who is introducing the bill and full particulars. AARON said he would have it by the D.C. meeting.

"Meeting adjourned - 11:45 P.M."

The Youth Affair held Sunday, 5/7/61, pertained to a fund-raising affair sponsored by the youth.

[redacted] is [redacted] and [redacted] is [redacted].

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[redacted] individual was seen at CP Headquarters on

1-NY 100- 56579 (Phil Burt) 4/15

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The following individual was seen at CP Headquarters on [redacted]

Almost everyone was out by 4 p.m. to go to the demonstration at Union Square.

1-NY 100-42577 (Phil Bart) 415

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The following individual was seen at CP headquarters on [redacted]

1-NY 100-12579 (Phil Bart) 415

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641) DATE: 5-29-61

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, - ORGANIZATION
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EXTREME CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY HANDLING OR REPORTING OF THE INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE.

The information appearing attached page was orally furnished on May 23, 1961, by CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN. This information was reduced to writing on May 29, 1961.

2 - New York (RM)
1 - Detroit (100-13420 CARL WINTER) (RM)
3 - Milwaukee (RM)
  1 - 100-4 (FRED BLAIR)
  1 - 100-6691 (MARY BLAIR)
  1 - 100-421 (CP, WISCONSIN DISTRICT - ORGANIZATION)
2 - New York (RM)
  1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
  1 - 100-81675 (CP, USA - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)
8 - Chicago
  1 - A)134-46
  1 - 100-12459 (FLO HALL)
  1 - 100-2748 (SAM KUSHNER)
  1 - 100-18963 (CP, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - FACTIONALISM)
  1 - 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
  1 - 100-18953 (CP, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - ORGANIZATION)
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On May 23, 1961, it was learned that FLO HALL, Organizational Secretary, Communist Party (CP) of Illinois, was quite disturbed because a message from PHIL BART, Organizational Secretary, CP, USA, to the effect that she and SAM KUSHNER be contacted regarding the possibility of their proceeding to New York for a special press meeting on Friday, May 26, 1961, had not been relayed to SAM.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, State Chairman, CP of Illinois, CARL WINTER of Detroit, and several other individuals were present when the above message concerning the meeting on May 26, 1961, was orally delivered on May 18, 1961. However, for some reason, no one had apparently passed it on to KUSHNER.

Since this same message suggested that if KUSHNER and HALL could attend this meeting that they proceed to New York City by the cheapest means of transportation available, FLO HALL was in contact with FRED BLAIR of Milwaukee. At that time it was learned that BLAIR also planned to attend this meeting. BLAIR, however, noted that he was combining the trip for this meeting with a vacation and that his wife was intending to accompany him. He therefore did not want to join with HALL and KUSHNER if they were driving to New York for the meeting.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3234) 5/31/61

SAC, NY (100-56579)

PHILIP FARF
IS-C; ISA-50
(Weekly Summary 5/22-23/61)
CINAL
(OO: NY)

5/22/61

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject had mentioned WILLIAM Z. FOSTER to his wife and commented that they had received a letter at the office regarding him. Subject was critical of FOSTER and said that he had done more to harm the Party in the United States than any one individual in its history. He said FOSTER caused more havoc over a decade and a half and was still trying to do damage while "senility is setting in."

NY 1749-S* advised that MORRIS CHILDS had tried to contact the subject from Chicago, but spoke to his wife, CONNIE. He told CONNIE that ELIZABETH FLYNN was coming in the following morning by train and would be arriving at Penn Station at 9 or 9:30 AM. He said that he would like the subject to meet ELIZABETH and take care of things. He also asked CONNIE to tell the subject that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT would be in town over the weekend for only two days and that he, himself, would be in NY on Thursday or Friday morning and would call him when he arrived.

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject's wife, CONNIE had given him the information regarding CHILDS' phone call the previous evening. She said she had tried to waken the subject, but that she could not get him up.

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1 - NY (100-56579)(415)

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The subject was very perturbed when he heard that LIGHTFOOT would not be in town earlier. He commented that it was going to be difficult to get things going with the people coming in so late.

Later that evening, the source advised that the subject told his wife he had met ELIZABETH FLYNN at the station and she told him that she had spent five days with MORRIS CHILDS before coming to NY. She also read him a letter which she had received from ANN BURLAK (THEKON) from Russia. He also mentioned that the meeting at Headquarters, that day, had been very good and was carried out in very good spirit. He said ELIZABETH'S report had reflected that she received good newspaper coverage while on the West Coast.

NY 1749-S advised that the subject had contacted ISIDORE NONSY and that they made an appointment to meet the following day at 12:00 o'clock at CP Headquarters.

5/24/61

NY 2359-S advised that the subject had been present at a meeting of the National Board of the CPUSA held at CP Headquarters. (Attached to Bureau, 5/25/61, captioned "CPUSA-ORGANIZATION").

NY 1749-S advised that the subject had contacted his wife and told her that he would not be home that evening for dinner as he was going out with GUS HALL and ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN.

5/25/61

NY 1750-S advised that the subject had mentioned the delegation that is presently in Russia representing the CPUSA. He commented that when they had finished their trip they were all given examinations and some of them received medical attention. He said these included JANE GREEN, who had heart trouble and SAM (DAVIS) who was also fixed up. Later that evening CONNIE FLYNN questioned the subject and asked if he was going to go on that "trip". The subject answered that he would be and that it would include Cleveland, Chicago and possibly Detroit. He commented, however, that he had no idea when he would be leaving because of the state of affairs.

NY 1749-S advised the MORRIS CHILDS had contacted the subject that evening and told him that he had just arrived in NY, two hours ago and they made an appointment to meet the following morning at the National Office at 9:15 AM.

5/27/61

NY 1759-S advised the subject told his wife that morning that he had a bad headache and did not feel well and probably would not go into the meeting (CPUS) that day until later in the morning. He asked her to call JACK SERCHEL and give him that information.

5/28/61

NY 1759-S advised that the subject related to his wife that morning the events of the meeting the previous day. He said that GUS HALL had given a report from 10:15 until 1:00 PM and that later in the evening from 7:30 until 10:00 PM that day a report was given on youth. He said that he had had dinner that evening with MORRIS CHILDS and TOM NABRIED. He commented they had taken up the problem of ERN (DAVIS) on Friday, but that it was nothing that he could discuss right now. He said that there were approximately thirty people at the meeting yesterday and that he had hopes that all of them would not try to speak today and prolong it as he thought they may be able to break up by six o'clock.

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FD-306 (3-21-58)

TO : SAC (100-18969) DATE: 5/31/61

FROM : SA LEO M. McGINN

SUBJECT: CP - NORTH SHORE SECTION
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Informant's written report follows:

4-Los Angeles (RM)
(1 - 100-34470 [redacted]
(1 - 100- NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE)
(1 - 62- [redacted]
(1 - 100-59609 NCAUAC

5-New York (RM)
(1 - 100- [redacted]
(1 - 97-169 PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS, INC.)
(1 - 100-56579 PHIL BART)
(1 - 100- CPUSA - YOUTH MATTERS)
(1 - 100-128255 [redacted]

51-Boston (100-18969)
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100-30742	
100-775	
100-33490	[redacted] DEFENSE COMMITTEE
100-30	[redacted]
100-16336	
100-19158	
105-5539	FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE
100-12544	[redacted]
100-15973	
100-313	
100-32392	GREATER BOSTON COMMITTEE FOR A SANE NUCLEAR POLICY
100-16208	[redacted]
100-12543	
100-	MASSACHUSETTS CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE
100-	NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO ABOLISH THE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
100-8099	[redacted]
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100-18035	CP - WORCESTER
100-18023	CP - WATERTOWN
100-18049	CP - NEW HAMPSHIRE
100-26827	FREEDOM OF PRESS ASSOCIATION

"May 1, 1961

[redacted] (Thursday) - [redacted] attended a section meeting of the Communist Party of the North Shore held at the home of [redacted]

"Attending were [redacted]

"The agenda was as follows: Dues and Literature; D. C. Report; Fund Drive; Shore Group; Fair Play for Cuba; Report on 'Worker' meeting; DeGregory.

[redacted] paid [redacted] $2.00 for dues.

[redacted] distributed 'Workers' to [redacted]

[redacted] gave a report of the D. C. meeting.

[redacted] said that no one from the Boston area had to go to New Bedford to distribute leaflets on unemployment as the people in the New Bedford area had already done this. b7D

[redacted] said that people in the Boston area had distributed the leaflets at the unemployment office in Boston; also that the North Shore had distributed some and mailed some.

[redacted] said that someone from New York attending the D. C. meeting held at [redacted] on 4/23/61 had pointed out how fortunate we are in the New England area as in Boston and vicinity we have about 60 professors who are scientific Marxist-Leninists.

"She reported that these are the beginnings of a Youth Group in Cambridge. That the [redacted] had found a young college student to assist them with Youth.

[redacted] said that someone from New York was coming in and interviewing any leads obtained by personal contact or through subscribers to the youth paper. From these it is hoped to build a Marxist-Leninist Youth Organization.

[redacted] reported that on April 30 Roosevelt, who is in favor of abolishing the House Un-American Activities Committee, was to speak at Dartmouth College where there is a good opportunity of forming a youth group.

[redacted] reported that on June 3 members of the Party are expected to visit at least three people and try to get these people to subscribe to the 'Worker.'

[redacted] said that there was a meeting planned for some Party people to meet with [redacted]. Also, that the Mass. Civil Liberties Committee would pay [redacted] legal expenses.

[redacted] said that on the Fund Drive the North Shore is expected to raise the same amount as last year. She said that last year the North Shore had pledged $800 and had raised $900.

[redacted] said that the D. C. voted to try to put back $1,000 into the Emergency Fund.

[redacted] said that on June 3 there is an affair planned with [redacted] as the main speaker. This is to be held at Jordan Hall and sponsored by the Boston Committee for Disarmament and Peace. [redacted] said that at a later date tickets would be distributed for our members to take and also sell.

"We made pledges to the Fund Drive. [redacted] had with her the amount pledged by people last year.

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[redacted] said that we would pledge the same as last year which [redacted] said was $100.

[redacted] pledged the same as last year - $65.

[redacted] said he would pledge the same as last year - $35. and any other he could bring in.

"Sol also said he would pledge the same as last year and this was $25. and said he would try to bring in more.

[redacted] said he would pledge $20.

[redacted] said last year she had given $50 but this year she would pledge $40.

[redacted] said she felt that [redacted] would make a pledge.

[redacted] said that last year [redacted] had given $150. but didn't know if we would get anything from them this year. She thought perhaps they were helping [redacted] pay back the loan that [redacted] had taken out to help [redacted]

[redacted] said that the D.C. had some back pay for [redacted] as they had to pay him through the Convention and after deducting what they had given him in advance there was some due [redacted]

"She said the D.C. had debated as to whether this money should go to [redacted] or to [redacted] who had taken out a loan for [redacted] so decided to write to both [redacted] and [redacted] notifying them that this money was due [redacted]

[redacted] said that [redacted] and [redacted] had given $220. (I think $160. from [redacted] and $60 from [redacted].) She said someone would have to see them in regard to funds.

[redacted] said that [redacted] had spent about one hour at her house one afternoon discussing the Party and had voiced his intention of meeting as a group.

[redacted] gave a report of the 'Worker' meeting held with [redacted] manager of the 'Worker.'

[redacted] said that there were very few people in attendance.

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[redacted] said that [redacted] had said that he had not asked for the job of 'Worker' manager but it had been handed to him.

"He told how [redacted] told of setting up a newsstand in front of the 'Worker' office with a sign reading free copies and how between 2 and three hundred copies are taken weekly. That many times people take the paper and leave dimes, quarters, half-dollars and sometimes dollars.

[redacted] said that [redacted] reported that they hope to start a daily paper again this year and need 12,000 subscribers in order to do this.

[redacted] reported that they had set up a meeting with [redacted] to be held [redacted] thought [redacted] should attend this meeting.

"We set the date of Tuesday, [redacted] as our next section meeting to be held at [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he would remain alert to the possible development of additional information concerning Party efforts to develop a youth organization in the area, and particularly

the identity of the individual reportedly aiding the [redacted] in this field.

[redacted] advised he was unable to determine the identity of the individual reported by [redacted] as in attendance at the District Committee meeting of April 23, 1961.

LEADS:

THE NEW YORK OFFICE (INFORMATION)

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At New York, N. Y.:

A copy of this memorandum has been designated for the New York file on PHIL BART in view of his identification by [redacted] as having been present at the District Committee meeting of [redacted] A copy of the memorandum containing such identification by [redacted] has been designated for BART's New York file.

A copy of this memorandum has also been designated for the New York file on [redacted] in view of his possible identity with the individual reported herein as visiting the Boston area from New York in connection with Party youth activity.

THE BOSTON OFFICE

At Boston, Massachusetts:

A recommendation has been previously made to reopen the file on CP - YOUTH MATTERS to insure the close following of Party activity relating to youth in the area.

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TO : SAC (100-18969)

DATE: 5/31/61

FROM : SA LEO M. McGINN

SUBJECT: CP - NORTH SHORE SECTION
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Date received 5/17/61 | Received [redacted] | Received SA LEO M. McGINN

Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks) X

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:

Date

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Authenticated by Informant _____

Date of Report 5/8/61

Date(s) of activity [redacted]

Brief de [redacted]

File whe [redacted]

Remarks: In view of the sensitivity of this informant, the utmost care must be utilized to carefully paraphrase this information prior to dissemination in order to protect the identity of this informant who has furnished reliable information in the past. b7D

Informant's written report follows:

4-Los Angeles (RM)
(1-100-34470 [redacted]
(1-100- NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE)
(1- 62- [redacted]
(1-100-59609 NCAUAC)

5-New York (RM)
(1-100-56579 PHIL BART)
(1-100-128255 [redacted]
(1-100-
(1- 97-169 PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS, INC.)
(1-100- CPUSA - YOUTH MATTERS)

52-Boston (100-18969)

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100-34119	BOSTON COMMITTEE FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE
100-15889	[redacted]
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100-775	
100-20190	
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100-16336	
100-33490	[redacted] DEFENSE COMMITTEE
100-19158	
105-5539	FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE
100-12544	[redacted]
100-15973	
100-313	
100-32392	GREATER BOSTON COMMITTEE FOR A SANE NUCLEAR POLICY
100-16208	[redacted]
100-12543	
100-26375	
100-	MASS. CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE
100-	NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO ABOLISH THE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
100-8099	[redacted]
100-33541	
100-33496	
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100-15971	
100-23707	
100-22643	
100-7908	CP - USA, NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT
100-20778	CP - MEMBERSHIP
100-16191	CP - FUNDS
100-31648	CP - COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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100-26893	CP - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY
100-20781	CP - YOUTH MATTERS

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100-18001	CP - BRIGHTON
100-31934	CP - NEW BEDFORD - FALL RIVER
100-18002	CP - BROOKLINE
100-18035	CP - WORCESTER
100-18023	CP - WATERTOWN
100-18049	CP - NEW HAMPSHIRE
100-26827	FREEDOM OF PRESS ASSOCIATION

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[redacted]

[redacted] advised that he would remain alert to the possible development of additional information concerning Party efforts to develop a youth organization in the area, and particularly the identity of the individual reportedly aiding the [redacted] in this field. b7D

LEADS:

THE NEW YORK OFFICE (INFORMATION)

At New York, N. Y.:

A copy of this memorandum has been designated for the New York file on [redacted] in view of his possible identity with the individual reported herein as visiting the Boston area from New York in connection with Party youth activity.

THE BOSTON OFFICE

At Boston, Massachusetts:

It is recommended that the file on "CP - YOUTH MATTERS" be reopened at this time to insure that Party activity relating to youth is closely followed in the Boston Office.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) DATE: 5/31/61

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-24914)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
IS -C; ISA, 1950; SA, 1940

Re New York airtels to the Bureau dated 2/8, 3/7 and 3/15/61.

There is forwarded herewith a copy of the channelizing memorandum of SA LEO M. McGINN to the SAC, dated 5/31/61, containing therein information furnished by [redacted] identifying the subject as in attendance at a meeting of the District Committee, CPUSA, New England District, held on [redacted] at Lynn, Massachusetts.

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There is also forwarded a copy of the channelizing memorandum of SA McGINN to SAC dated 5/31/61 in which there is set forth information furnished by [redacted] concerning the same District Committee, but in which there is reference only to an individual from New York as in attendance.

Information developed by the Boston Office relative to BART's attendance at meetings of the District Committee held on 2/12 and 3/19 is noted to have been previously furnished the New York Office.

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

May 31, 1961

MEETING OF DISTRICT COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND DELAWARE, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, MAY 20-21, 1961

A source advised May 22 and 25, 1961, that the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (CPEPD) held a meeting of its District Committee on May 20-21, 1961.

The first session of this meeting was held at 1119 West Lindley Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., and dealt entirely with a Draft Party Program on Legislative and Social Action in the State of Pennsylvania. FRANCES GABOW, District Organization Secretary, CPEPD, read this Draft Program after explaining that it had been worked out on a state level and the suggestions of Pittsburgh were incorporated.

GABOW said this is to be the official program and policy of the CPEPD given with a Marxist view and is to be mailed out to the public after it is approved by the District Committee. The Draft Program of the CPEPD includes the following:

1. Unemployment in Pennsylvania includes 11% of the workers and has resulted from the cold war policy of the United States. The missile program has taken money that could have been used to build better schools. Trade with socialist countries is mandatory to secure more jobs.

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PHILADELPHIA, PA., MAY 20-21, 1961

2. The Party is waging a battle against monopoly capital in relation to jobs, high rents, low wages, etc.

3. Nationalization of certain industries in Pennsylvania is recommended to insure more jobs.

4. A state minimum wage law of $1.25 per hour should be passed to include all workers.

5. The State Public Utilities Commission should be elected rather than appointed.

6. A state youth conservation program to be started.

7. Establishment of a free city college.

8. The state should receive more Federal aid on housing.

9. A new tax structure be set up, exempting everyone making less than $5,000 yearly.

10. Enforcement of Fair Employment Practices code.

11. An Executive Order against discrimination in any form in Pennsylvania.

12. The state should sponsor an apprenticeship training program for youth.

The members of the District Committee discussed this Draft Program at length and agreed with its general tone but criticized it for the following reasons: Tendency to deal with national questions rather than strictly state issues; lack of clarity on the relationship between the cold war policy and jobs; program too nonspecific; failure to show the means by which the

program could be implemented; failure to show how trade unions and Negro peoples' organizations could work to accomplish these objectives; public ownership of the Philadelphia Transportation Company should be recommended; and the matters relating to youth should be strengthened.

THOMAS NABRIED, District Chairman, CPEPD, explained that this was a Draft Program around key issues and could not go into detail on all matters. The District Committee agreed with the Draft Program generally. NABRIED said the criticisms mentioned above would be incorporated in it and it would be prepared for mass distribution.

The second session of the District Committee meeting was held May 21, 1961, at 1345 Susquehanna Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. The agenda was:

1. Trade union trends by THOMAS NABRIED.

2. Press by FRANCES GABOW.

NABRIED reported that the National Executive Committee, CPUSA, met on May 6, 1961, with a one-point agenda, "New Trends Developing Within the Trade Union Movement." IRVING POTASH, National Trade Union Secretary, gave the report using many points from GUS HALL's pamphlet "The U.S. in Today's World." GUS HALL is General Secretary, CPUSA. According to NABRIED, GUS HALL says in his article that new problems arise out of the new stage reached in the general crisis of capitalism and listed the following:

1. There is serious unemployment, a creeping stagnation in industries.

2. Automation.

3. The growth of United States owned overseas production continues to aggravate the problems of foreign competition and the loss of jobs of American workers.

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PHILADELPHIA, PA., MAY 20-21, 1961

4. Large inventories.

5. The employers are on the offensive. This unionism has made a successful appearance for the first time since the 1930s.

6. Rising prices are steadily widening the gap between the cost of living and wage levels.

7. The Landrum-Griffin Law, as well as the Taft-Hartley Law and other restrictive measures tend toward government control of unions.

NABRIED said that from these problems, there has developed a qualified change taking place at the top leadership level (of unions), of struggle between the old-craft AFL and the industrial union division of CIO. This struggle goes deeper than jurisdictional fight. It is a political fight around United States foreign policy. New trends in labor are also evidenced by the following:

1. A series of actions on the part of trade union leadership on the question of peace, starting with an EMIL MAZEY speech sponsored by the Friends Service.

2. Conference held in Chicago by trade unionists where the peace discussion was the order of the day.

3. (JAMES) CAREY's attack on (GEORGE) MEANY at the conference in Washington.

4. The Negro American Labor Council's conference in Washington laid down a policy on racism.

NABRIED said these developments and trends must be used in carrying on the Communist Party's work. The special role of the Communist trade union member is to bring clarity

on these issues and deepen the thinking of the leadership of the trade union movement. NABRIED also said that the Communists must continue to fight for unity within the trade union movement.

JAMES DOLSEN, District Press Secretary, CPEPD, said that there was a convention to be held on Latin American problems that will strengthen ties between the USA and Latin American unions. He said a few labor leaders have met quietly in New York and are laying the groundwork for a labor party.

PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary, CPUSA, recommended that each read the trade union section in GUS HALL's report which will give a good idea of world movements and the effect it is playing on United States labor. He also said there is a new "left" arising in trade unions. It is "left" in the sense of (WALTER) REUTHER and CAREY being to the "left" of GEORGE MEANY. He said the Communist Party today has some contacts among labor leaders and can sit down and talk and in some ways influence them to take a stand on certain issues. These contacts must grow larger. He also called for unity in the house of labor.

PHIL SABA, a member of the CPEPD, said that the Communist Party should not only be interested in informing top level contacts in labor but must also get rank-and-file contacts.

NABRIED's report was adopted. The following other proposals were adopted:

1. A conference on trade union work to be held.

2. A memorandum on the report and discussion to be sent to all clubs.

3. Work toward a mass meeting around the "Freedom Riders." The District Executive Committee will work out details for the above.

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PHILADELPHIA, PA., MAY 20-21, 1961

The press report was given by FRANCES GABOW. PHIL BART said he had come to Philadelphia to check on the press drive. He also said he had news that in the near future "The Worker" would be presented twice a week.

"The Worker" is an East coast Communist weekly publication.

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May 31, 1961

Title	MEETING OF DISTRICT COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND DELAWARE, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, MAY 20-21, 1961
Reference	Memorandum dated and captioned as above at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M * * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-63) DATE: 5-31-61

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33742)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - FUNDS
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EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH THE HANDLING AND REPORTING OF THE INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE, SINCE THIS INFORMATION CAN BE READILY ATTRIBUTED TO THE SOURCE IN VIEW OF THE MANNER IN WHICH IT WAS RECEIVED.

On May 19, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN a one page typewritten legal sized item captioned "CP, USA, Fin. Report for First Qtr. - Jan. Thru March, 1961". This financial report bears the initial "C." as the maker, and this maker is probably CHARLES DIRBA, according to the source. This financial report had been furnished to the source by PHIL BART, Organizational Secretary, CP, USA, for the use of the Audit Sub-Committee of the National Control Commission, CP, USA. The item was photostated by the Chicago Office on May 19, 1961, and returned to the source on that same date. One photostat has been retained by Chicago and made an exhibit in Chicago file 100-33742-1A32. Two photostats of this item are enclosed herewith for the Bureau and for New York.

Set forth below is the verbatim content of this financial report:

2 - Bureau (RM) (Encl. 2)
1 - Boston (100-775) (HOMER BATES CHASE)
1 - Los Angeles (100- (CP, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT - FUNDS)
20 - New York (Encl. 2) (RM)
1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
1 - 100-23825 (BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR.)

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1 - 100-26776 (CHARLES DIRBA)
1 - 100-105078 (HYMAN LUMER)
1 - 100-48033 (JOAN PAUL)
1 - 100-84275 (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)
1 - 100-9595 (WILLIAM WEINSTONE)
1 - 100-89691 (CP, USA - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES)
1 - 100-80633 (CP, USA - EDUCATION)
1 - 100-74560 (CP, USA - FUNDS)
1 - 100-80638 (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)
1 - 100-54651 (CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL GROUPS)
1 - 100-80640 (CP, USA - NEGRO QUESTION)
1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
1 - 100-81675 (CP, USA - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)
1 - 100-89590 (CP, USA - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
1 - 100-80644 (CP, USA - YOUTH MATTERS)
1 - 100-128314 (CP, NEW YORK STATE - FUNDS)
1 - 100-6562 (CP of PUERTO RICO)
1 - 97-169 (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS)
1 - Pittsburgh (RM)
1 - 100- (CP, WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA - FUNDS)
1 - Philadelphia (RM)
1 - 100- (CP, EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA - FUNDS)
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1 - 100- (CP of PUERTO RICO)
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FIN. REPORT for 1st Qtr. - Jan. thru March, 1961

INCOME

12,540 Dues (gross $14,105; Avge. $1.12 ea., 4180 per mo.) Incm. from Dues	$7,142.72
38 Initiations	19.00
S.S. Assessments	918.60
Gen'l Contributions	27,300.10
Contributions for Defense	583.00
" for Southern Work	1,700.00
" from Meetings	185.00
Returns for Literature	86.05
District Shares of N.C. Mtg. Exp.	700.00
TOTAL INCOME - 3 mos.	38,634.47

EXPENSES

Wages - Total $11,325, less Bldg.W.$1105, Office W. $2145 -- General Wages - - -		$8,075.00
Payroll Taxes & Insurance		1,031.60
Bldg.Exp.- Rent $870, Wages 1105, Miscl. 152.72 -- Tot. Bldg. Exp. --		2,127.72
Office Exp.-Wages 2145.00, teleph. & Tel. 468.47 Postage 146.78, Staty & Sup. 198.27 Equip. Maint. 6.50, Staff Lit. 243.27 Accounting 114.00		
Total Office Exp.		3,322.29
Org.Exp.-Travel Fares- Ph-L. 480.23, Auto Exp. 510.55; Mtg. Halls 30.75; Receptions 531.59, 168.71, etc. MidW,R.Exp 63.29;		
Total Org. Exp.		1,785.12

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Subsidies--W.Penna. 800.00, E.Penna. 100.40--			
		Total Subsidies	900.40
Nat'lComm.Mtg.Exp.	2454.85		
NEC. Mtg. Exp.	900.25		
		Total NC. and NEC. Mtg.Exp.	3,355.10
Gen'l Ed.& Agit.Exp.-Printing &Mailing Lit.&Leaf.	2394.93		
Research	454.45	Tot.	2,849.38
Nat'l Ed.Com.Exp.-Gen'l	$220.00		
Travel-Fares-etc.	53.50		
So.Calif.	125.00	Tot.Ed.Com	398.50
Nat'l Negro Com. Exp.			1,909.50
Nat'l Labor Com. Exp.			900.00
Nat'l Youth Com. Exp.			1,625.00
Miscl.Ed.&Agit.Exp. - Peace Work 65.00, Nat'l Gr.-PR.450.00 --		Tot.	515.00
Defense Exp.-L.Fees & Exp. 3353.00, Fine 75.00, Miscl. 880.00		--	4,308.00
Spec. Welfare Aid			1,235.00
Gen'l Welfare-			
Med. & Hosp. 292.80, Gifts	55.00		
Flowers 102.71, Funerals	1575.48		
		Total Gen. Welf.	2,025.99
Depreciation of Furniture & Equipment			27.00
		TOTAL EXPENSE-3mos.	$36,390.60
		OPERATING SURPLUS-3mos.	2,243.87

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BALANCE SHEET - 3/31/61

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash Balance	$1,097.85	So.Calif.Distr.	1,013.71
Revolvg.Fds.	175.00	Loans Pay. - From 1956-57-59	5,250.00
Security Deposits	1,135.00	Loans Pay. - P. Bart - Feb'61	
Seized by Internal Revenue	5,192.09	Current Payroll Taxes & Ins.	1,089.05
Furniture & Equip. (Depreciated)	859.61	N.Y. St. Unempl. Ins. Reserve	1,293.52
Loans & Exch. Receivable	549.33	Rent Acct.Reserve	106.99
Worker-OnLoans 240.30		TOTAL LIABIL.-3/31/61	8,853.27
On Rent	3,340.30	PRESENT WORTH (Assets ovr. Liab.)	3,495.91
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TOTAL ASSETS -	12,349.18		12,349.18

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RECONCILIATION --

Surplus Bal. at Begin. - 1/1/61	$1,252.04
Add Operating Surplus for 3 months	2,243.87
Present Worth - Surplus 3/31/61	3,495.91

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COMMENTS - Loans & Exch. need constant attention to get them paid or "cleared off". The $549.33 Total consists of the following: Hy Lumer (old) 125.00, W.W. (Feb '60) 25.00 Homer Chase (Feb '60) 20.00, J. Paul (Bal.Dec'60) 99.00, Ben Davis (Bal. Nov.'60) 35.00, N.Y. St. (Mch '60) 73.00, E. Penna - Oct. 60 160.33 & now 10.00 -- 170.33. Does Comr. Patterson still need the $100 Revolving Fund for Nat'l Negro Work. If not, he should return it, or settle with vouchers & cash.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC 100-12062 DATE: JUN 1 1961

FROM: SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]
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BU 210-S* reported that on the dates set forth below certain activity took place in connection with the subject and [redacted]

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In the early evening, [redacted] that [redacted] had called up and asked if the [redacted] were interested in attending the movies that night. [redacted] said that she decided against it.

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In the early evening MORTIMER SCHEER visited the [redacted] He told of having returned from New York City on the previous day. He said he has the practice of telling his wife, [redacted] that he plans to arrive at a date later than he really expects, in order to make her feel better when he comes back early. [redacted] asked if [redacted] received the box she sent. SCHEER said he did not know.

SCHEER mentioned that he wrote an article for "foreign affairs", and "they cut it in half"..."they didn't even tell me about it - didn't even write me a letter." SCHEER

4 - New York (RM)
1 - HARRIET ROSEN
1 - MILTON ROSEN
1 - PHIL BART
1 - PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS
7 - Buffalo
1 - 100-12061, [redacted]
1 - 100-10474, [redacted]
1 - 100-10454, MORTIMER SCHEER
1 - 100-10456, [redacted]
1 - 100-4379-86, PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS
1 - 100-4379-69, ORGANIZATION

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said that he wrote a letter of grievance about how his article was handled. SCHEER said that he saw PHIL BART about it when he was in New York on this recent trip. According to MORTY, PHIL said that the reason for cutting down SCHEER's article had to do with the process of editing. At that point, according to SCHEER, MILTIE (Most likely ROSEN), came into the room and heard PHIL talking about cutting out part of the article.

PHIL then talked about a new magazine being published by the Party. This, according to SCHEER, struck MILT and himself very funny and they started to break out in laughter. PHIL said the magazine was going to be exactly what the clubs need. It will concern organization matters such as "how often clubs should meet and what should be on the agenda." For some reason unknown to BU 210-S* SCHEER and ROSEN regarded this as being very funny and continued their laughter. This annoyed PHIL BART, who had no idea what they were laughing at.

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TO: SAC, NEWARK (100-4284U) DATE: 6/2/61
FROM: SA RUSSELL H. HORNER
SUBJECT: CP USA, NEW JERSEY DISTRICT, NEWARK DIVISION FACTIONALISM
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5/4/61	[redacted] who has furnished reliable info in the past	SAs JOHN A. HAAG and RUSSELL H. HORNER

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5 - New York (100-87211) (CP USA FACTIONALISM) b7D
(1 - 100-84994) [redacted]
(1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
(1 - [redacted]
(1 - 100-86624) (INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)

17 - Newark (100-4284U)
(1 - 100-19491) [redacted]
(1 - 100-32233)
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(1 - 100-20886)
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(1 - 100-33146)
(1 - 100-36629)
(1 - 100-43600) (SANE)
(1 - 100-4284E) (ORGANIZATION)
(1 - 100-4284-7S-1) (ESSEX COUNTY)
(1 - 100-4284-7S-1-1F) (TUBMAN SECTION)
(1 - 100-4284A) (FUNDS)
(1 - 100-4284P) (INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
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On [redacted] a meeting, lasting from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m., was held at the National Offices of CP, USA, between [redacted] The meeting was an arranged appointment and dealt at length with inner politics within the CP of New Jersey and the relationship and attitudes of the HALL leadership to these inner conditions.

[redacted] opened the discussion with an overall presentation of general Party conditions in the state which indicated a growing consolidation and advance as compared to the earlier condition of great damage. He described the steps being taken to (1) consolidate a unified leadership, (2) undertake work in the areas of unions, youth, peace, unemployment, etc., (3) of the satisfactory progress in the present fund drive, and the plans for further work in the National plans to launch a daily paper. He then discussed in detail his personnel problems, of certain anarchistic and undisciplined attitudes of certain leaders, of evidences of a type of internal factionalism and "leftist" opposition headed by the [redacted] b7D

He surmised the [redacted] have contacts with others of like mind throughout the Party and established that the problem with the [redacted] was their hostility to and nonacceptance of the National leadership and policy and not merely based on New Jersey problems. He described the [redacted] as pursuing a depressing and demoralizing conduct, or not sincerely cooperating, of doing very little actual work but constantly carping, denouncing the National leadership, undermining National policies and personalities, or arrogance, of tensing up every meeting they attend.

He described their blockading activities in regard to the campaign to build the press and nearly all other work. He stated he had been extremely patient and conciliatory the past several years, but that now this only emboldens such as the [redacted] who become ever more arrogant, uncooperative and distinct hindrances and grave negative influences which retard and hamper the accomplishments of all plans of work.

He considered a "political collision" with the [redacted] and their supporters now an inevitability and compulsion. He stated he had been doing some "politicking" himself by openly speaking to various key forces and sounding things out. He

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-8529)

SA WILLIAM C. MARTIN (100-8529)

MARY KAUFMAN
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According to NY 2353-S* on 5/16/61, MARY KAUFMAN told PHIL BART that she will need about $200.00 for her trip, as the plane fare to Kansas City, Missouri is about $120.00. KAUFMAN also stated there are taxi cab fares to Levenworth (Penitentiary) and back to Kansas City as well as the two (2) telephone calls she has made there. KAUFMAN requested that BART send the money over to her at (VICTOR) RABINOWITZ's office tomorrow (5/18/61) morning. BART stated he would have to get the money and would send it to her tomorrow (5/17/61).

1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-New York (100-68229) (VICTOR RABINOWITZ) (421)
1-New York (100-8529) (MARY KAUFMAN) (415)

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believed, and quoted [redacted] as agreeing, that in Essex County the clubs and membership would largely repudiate th[redacted] and some small repercussions might occur among a handful of people, in event of a political conflict. In the state, outside Essex, he figured they would have no support if the cards were laid down bluntly.

He said that up to now he was reluctant to move against the "leftist" bloc alone, and called attention to the reserved and cagey attitude of [redacted] who would either withdraw, remain silent, or act appeasingly at times when [redacted] and the "leftists" clashed. [redacted] who he believes fully opposes the "leftists" and knows he is a main object of their attack, must now get off the fence and "fish or cut bait," and give to him - [redacted] full support.

He also told [redacted] that he refrained from a showdown with the New Jersey "leftists" because he was mystified over the apparent lack of support from the National leadership over a long period despite many appeals for political support and certain help. He reminded [redacted] of BART "forgetting" to notify him of many important National meetings, and of BART excluding him from the Farm, Latin-American and Control Commissions. b7D

He told [redacted] it appeared to him that while the National leaders wanted the [redacted] dealt with, a condition could arise where [redacted] and the "leftists" would go to war and knock each other out, then BART or someone would come in and piously denounce both for quarrelling and remove both to establish "unity." He stated he would wage a struggle for basic Party policy and unity but wanted to know where the National leadership stood, would it support him in a joint struggle, or would a "neutrality" be exhibited to those who were really fighting the National Office's own battle?

[redacted] spoke at considerable length. He fully agreed with the main presentation and nature of the questions as made by [redacted] He agreed a definitive fight must now be waged against the "leftist" bloc for their retarding and semi-factional and "dogmatic" stance. He also thought that in a showdown the "leftists" would muster little support. He ascribed this to the high personal standing and authority of [redacted] and, on the other

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hand, to the self-exposure and loss of prestige due to non-productiveness, noncooperativeness, negativism, carping and personal attributes of dogmatism, straight-lacedness, arrogance, etc. He thought only such members as [redacted] and [redacted] and a few in the Olgin Jewish Club in Newark, and perhaps some in the Negro Community Club (where [redacted] holds membership) might get "upset a bit." He felt the comrades in the most important clubs and areas of work (Peace field, trade unions, youth committees, etc.) would feel relieved if the "leftists" were tackled.

In great detail he apologized for his waivering, and seeming reluctance to buck the [redacted] Many years of personal and family association, and their several years together leading the fight against the [redacted] leadership ("and hammered unmercifully by them") had developed a close political and personal relationship wherein faults were overlooked or ignored. He said that in times of conflict with them, he, lik[redacted]tended to try to smooth it out, recede, not be quarrelsome. However, now, this cannot persist because personal attitudes must be set aside as the interests of the Party are directly at stake.

He realizes that he made an impermissable error at the New Jersey Board meeting the week before when, even after a prior agreement with [redacted] that they start taking on the [redacted] he sat silent when the [redacted] opened a tirade against [redacted] proposals for building the paper and characterized his proposals with filthy words. He said he phoned [redacted] the next day and he admitted this error which shows he still has trouble in breaking with his own past.

He then discussed a variety of smaller matters, persons, incidents, spelling out the main points more. He asked [redacted] to specifically discuss the question of [redacted] who is he, what is his mystifying background, why does [redacted] push him forward so energetically to a point where he is almost a personal representative of [redacted] in New Jersey but not responsible to New Jersey? Also, to explain why the expelled Tubman outfit can have an appointment with KHRUSHCHEV (in New York) and announce that KHRUSHCHEV is arranging to educate the children of some of them [redacted] in Moscow. He pointed out how this compromised and actually weakened the official CP setup in New Jersey.

In his first remarks, [redacted] spoke about 45 minutes.

He first wanted to "vigorously" and "beyond question" state that the New Jersey Party and [redacted] enjoys the highest respect, esteem and affection of the entire leadership. The District has been doing a large amount of activity far better than many other districts and in many other areas "not worse than others." He was laudatory of the "peace" work and said he related to the New York district that there would have been no Easter Peace March (from Mc Guire Air Force Base, New Jersey, to the United Nations) if not for the New Jersey Party. He said that New Jersey is the leading district, percentage-wise, in the present Fund Drive ($1500 of $2500 quota, while by districts like Illinois have $950 of $4000; Michigan $400 of $4000; Ohio has $140 of $2500, etc.). He realized this is done without full-time organizers and all voluntary.

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He spoke in high and moving terms about [redacted] who they consider fortunate for the Party to be in New Jersey, that he is known as one of the most capable, steady, and experienced of many comrades. That the National Office has not paid much attention or help to New Jersey is really due to the feeling that the State is in able hands and allows the National Office to run to other "brush fires." He recognized this can go too far, that they should and must help more in New Jersey, but wants it clearly understood the National Office fully supports the policy line and leadership of [redacted] and holds the highest opinion of the political soundness and integrity of him and his main co-workers. That the general troubles and weaknesses in the National Party account for poor connections and lack of proper relations, and he will try to overcome these at once.

On [redacted] report, he said he fully agreed in every respect, and believes it now can no longer be avoided. He understands the causes which counseled a delay up to now and stated he completely agreed with the way [redacted] has handled it up to now, and other opinions to the contrary, he would have followed the same tactical course.

Now, these elements must be handled or they will erode, diffuse, disorient and paralyze the organization. Enough time has elapsed to show that certain people are unregenerate, do not fit, cannot adjust to the needs and times, cannot learn, remain in a dogmatic and previous-era mentality, have no concept of change or dialectics, are remote and aloof from the currents of life and struggle, live in a screwy dream-world of their own,

and the medals won in previous times for correct work cannot now be a permissive credential for damaging work. Said the Party is now consolidated and unified enough to start cleansing itself of undesirables who have had a field day up to now, and even in New York the bad elements have withered to a small knot.

He launched a bitter denunciation of the [redacted] as arch-types of the foregoing. Believes they never will change, condemned their arrogant, snappish, sharp personalities. Believed they are in "committees of correspondence" with similar elements elsewhere. Said these types do not accept the present Party line or leadership, consider it merely a "regency" to be replaced by a "real" leadership yet to come. Meantime, they dull enthusiasm, depress confidence, react negatively to almost every proposal, act as cocky know-it-alls, do the very minimum of work. The Party can have no perspective of being meaningful if it depends on or "messes" with such people.

Personal considerations must be waived. They really have no place in the Party. In fact, many such types actually want out of the Party, but create "situations" to do it as "martyrs." This is the case with [redacted] who now bombards the office with letters saying, "Dear Mr. Hall, Dear Mr. Rubin," etc. They are lost people. Many of them actually are screwballs. b7D

He pledged all political support and assistance in New Jersey's fight with them. Said he can state no one in the National leadership can be expected to give the "leftists" any encouragement or help. Agreed fully with [redacted] statement that the fight against the [redacted] "leftists" be waged in the District by the District people so as to give no weapon to the [redacted] that it is a National conspiracy to oust them and carried on by "New Jersey stooges." [redacted] said National leadership support would be "oblique" and in "proper" forms. For example, he suggested he come to New Jersey for June 3-4 and a dinner or meeting be arranged. Meantime, he would meet with union, peace and other groups, ostensibly on legitimate and routine subjects, but underneath "supporting the leadership and weakening the [redacted]." Other people, like [redacted] not mentioned) would come in on "normal" assignments but to do a job on the "leftists." On the other hand, the direct quarrel would occur in the State Board and be conducted by "district people."

He answered [redacted] question about the Tubman people. Said someone "among the Russians" made an error in dealing with them to the extent they did and the CP "made representations" about it.

To get the Russians "off the hook," they decided to insert in the "Worker" a published "warning" about the Tubman group. On the basis of this press warning, the Russians (Embassy?) then had cause to sever all messing around with Tubmanites which [redacted] implied some aide or attache had gotten them into.

On [redacted] repeated earlier warm endorsement and strongly recommended he be co-opted in New Jersey leadership. Said [redacted] has licked his previous addiction to liquor and is now very responsible, albeit a bit dogmatic which is due to his 10 years of "underground." [redacted] particularly urged integration and use of [redacted] who is "most sound, able and in many ways even superior and more competent than [redacted] b7D

[redacted] recommended that [redacted] go immediately to Puerto Rico so as to get this trip out of the way and be back on the scene before "the noise gets too loud." It was later agreed between the three participants that [redacted] would leave around the 13th-14th of May.

The remainder of the discussion centered around some organizational proposals: (1) To use some New Jersey funds to put an organizer on full or part-time, (2) To add 3-4 new members to the State Board, (3) To plan the opening of a bookstore in Newark. [redacted] suggested New Jersey emulate Chicago by making it a bookstore-school type of setup so that $1,000 could be obtained as a grant from "a Fund" which exists, (4) Of plans to bring [redacted] to Newark on June 3-4 and the types of meetings to be held on these dates.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-83) DATE: 6-2-61

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33732)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY-USA
DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
OO: NEW YORK

On May 30, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SAs CARL N. FREYMAN and RICHARD W. HANSEN a number of documents which had been distributed at the meeting of the National Executive Committee, Communist Party-USA (CP), held in New York, New York, on May 27-28, 1961. These items were photostated by the Chicago Office and the originals returned to the source on May 31, 1961.

Included among these documents was a two-page mimeographed item dated May 23, 1961, and addressed "TO ALL N.C. MEMBERS, TO ALL DISTRICTS", issued over the name of PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary, CP-USA. This document reflected that a number of discussions had been held in connection with the events in Alabama and that set forth therein was a summary of "our thinking both with regard to main objectives and forms of struggle". It then reflected that an editorial was being written for the publication "Political Affairs" which would present a summary of these discussions.

2 - Bureau (Encl. 4)(RM)
6 - New York (Encl. 4)(RM)
1-100-80532 (HERBERT APTHEKER)
1-100-56579 (PHIL BART)
1-100-89691 (CP, USA, DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES)
1-100-80641 (CP, USA, ORGANIZATION)
1-100-81675 (CP, USA, PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS)
1-100-97167 ("POLITICAL AFFAIRS")
3 - Chicago
1-A)134-46
1-100-19491 (CP, USA, ILLINOIS DISTRICT-
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Two photostats of the above mentioned items are being enclosed herewith for the Bureau and for New York. One photostat of this item has been retained by the Chicago Office and has been made an exhibit in Chicago file 100-33732-1A67.

A second document received at this same time was a four page mimeographed item which represents the advance copy of an editorial which is to appear in the June, 1961, edition of "Political Affairs". This article is captioned, "Notes of the Month By The Editorial Board I: The New Secession". The source advised that this is the article referred to in the memorandum of May 23, 1961.

On May 30, 1961, the source advised that at the meeting of the National Executive Committee, CP-USA, held May 27-28, 1961, GUS HALL had praised this editorial and stated in his remarks that it had been prepared by HERBERT APTHEKER.

Two photostats of the advance editorial for the June, 1961, issue of "Political Affairs" is enclosed herewith for the Bureau and for New York. One photostat of this item has been retained by the Chicago Office and is being maintained in Chicago file 100-33732-1A66.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-81)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33729)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY HANDLING OR REPORTING OF THE INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE. SINCE THE INFORMATION BY ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY THIS SOURCE, IT SHOULD BE, IF PLACED IN ANY REPORT FOR DISSEMINATION, CAREFULLY PARAPHRASED.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 3 copies of an informant statement dated 5/30/61 containing info orally furnished on 5/30/61 by CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable info in the past, to SAs CARL N. FREYMAN and RICHARD W. HANSEN. This info was reduced to writing on 6/1/61.

The letters referred to in the enclosed statement were made available by the source on May 30, 1961, and were photostated by the Chicago Office on May 31, 1961, and returned to him. One photostat of each of these items has been retained by the Chicago Office and made an exhibit in Chicago file 100-33729-1A107. Two copies each of these letters are being enclosed herewith for the Bureau and one copy each of these letters is being furnished to Boston and New York.

3 - Bureau (Encls. 7) (RM)
4 - Boston (Encls. 2) (RM)
1 - 100-775 (HOMER BATES CHASE)
1 - 100- (RACHEL CHASE)
1 - 100-16191 (CP, NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT - FACTIONALISM)
1 - 100-20785 (CP, NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)

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  1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
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  1 - 100-86624 (CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
  1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
2 - Chicago
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May 30, 1961

During late May, 1961, it was learned that the Communist Party, USA (CP, USA) came into possession, from an unknown source, of the following letter which was reportedly prepared and sent out by HOMER B. CHASE to the publication "L'Humanite", Paris, France.

"Post Office Box 52
Washington, N.H.

May 5, 1961

"Editor
L'Humanite
Paris, France

"Dear Editor:

"The writers of this letter are Communists. We are both veterans of World War II. One of us is a veteran of the International Brigade in Spain. We are the parents of four children.

"We ask you to find space in your great paper for the following appeal to the fighters for peace in France:

"We know you have suffered greatly because of Imperialist policies by your government in Viet-Nam and Algeria. Now the leader of the world imperialist camp, President Kennedy, plans a trip to France in an attempt to iron out differences and to further the aims of the American ruling circles. According to Senator Morse, no friend of Cuba independence himself, the Kennedy Administration is 'trying to wipe the bloody spots off its hands.' President Kennedy continues his threats to the Cuban people and their government. He demands the right to bleed all of South America for Wall Street--in the name of the Monroe Doctrine. He threatens the peace of the world.

"The Japanese people dealt the war policies of Eisenhower a blow by their powerful demonstrations after the U-2. Their militance bolstered the weak but important peace forces in our country as has the heroic resistance of the Cubans led by Premier Castro. A campaign for the impeachment of President Kennedy will develop here.

"We appeal to those who carry on the traditions of the French Revolution, the Paris Commune and the anti-Hitler war. Help the noble struggle for peace and self-determination. As LaFayette and his colleagues helped our people in the American Revolution, help us resist the common foe--President Kennedy.

"Do not allow the invader of Cuba to gain sustenance and strength in France. Keep Kennedy off French soil!

"Comradely,

Homer B. Chase
Rachel Chase"

In view of the above letter, the CP, USA felt it imperative that the publication "L'Humanite" be contacted. Therefore, in accordance with instructions of GUS HALL, General Secretary, CP, USA, the following letter was prepared and sent out over the name of PHILIP BART, National Organizational Secretary, CP, USA:

"May 17, 1961

"Editor
L'Humanite
37 rue de Louvre
Paris II, France

"Dear Comrades:

"We are in receipt of a copy of a letter addressed to you by Homer and Rachel Chase.

"In view of the nature of the letter which is self-evident, we would like to inform you that these are two disgrunteled individuals. Homer Chase has been removed from the Party Committee and in no way expresses the opinions of our Party.

"With fraternal greetings,

"Comradely yours,

Philip Bart,
National Organizational Secretary"

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, PHILADLEPHIA

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

PHIL BART; IS DASH C. ON SIX THREE SIXTY ONE NEW YORK ONE SEVEN FIVE ZERO DASH S ADVISED THAT BART PLANS TO TRAVEL TO PHILADELPHIA ON SIX FOUR SIXTY ONE DEPARTING NEW YORK DURING MORNING. PHILADELPHIA ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE ANY INFORMATION FEASIBLE RE BART APOSTROPHE S ACTIVITIES.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
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(OO: NY)

NY 1749-S* advised on 6/2/61, that the subject had attempted to obtain reservations on the New York Central Railroad for a single roomette on a train leaving for Chicago on Friday, 6/9/61. Source advised that BART was unable to obtain the accommodations, but requested that he be listed for any cancellation.

NY 1750-S* advised on 6/4/61, that the subject asked his wife to check with the NY Central regarding the above request for accommodations. This source has previously advised that the subject was contemplating a trip to Chicago on organizational business.

Chicago is requested to cover the subject's activities while in Chicago, by whatever means feasible. Any further information developed re the subject's travel plans will be immediately furnished Chicago.

3-Bureau (100-3284) (RM)
2-Chicago (RM)
1-New York (100-56579) (415)
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TELETYPE URGENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-1473) AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-269)

HENRY WINSTON; IS DASH C. NY TWENTY TEN DASH S ASTERISK REPORTED ON SIX TWO LAST THAT BEN DAVIS ADVISED HIS ATTORNEY DAVID FRIEDMAN THAT DAVIS DESIRED AUTHORITY TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C. ON MONDAY EVENING, SIX FIVE INSTANT AND RETURN TO NEW YORK ON TUESDAY SIX SIX SIXTY ONE. PURPOSE OF THE TRIP WAS STATED AS QUOTE TO SEE THE GOVERNMENT END QUOTE. NY TWENTY THIRTY ONE DASH S ASTERISK REPORTED ON SIX THREE LAST, THAT DAVIS STATED THAT HE VOLUNTEERED TO HEAD THE WINSTON COMMITTEE AS IT IS A SHAME WHAT HAS BEEN DONE TO WINSTON. DAVIS CITED THE FACT THAT WINSTON'S SUIT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN DISMISSED AND NO ONE AT COMMUNIST PARTY HEADQUARTERS SEEMS CONCERNED ABOUT IT. DAVIS INDICATED IT IS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE BOARD OF PAROLE REGARDING THE WINSTON CASE.

1 - NY 100-23825 (BEN DAVIS)(415)
1 - NY 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)(415)
1 - NY 100-56579 (PHILIP BART)(415)
1 - NY 100-269 (415)
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NY TWO THREE ONE EIGHT DASH S ASTERISK ADVISED SIX TWO LAST THAT PHIL BART TOLD ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN THAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY WAS SENDING A DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON IN BEHALF OF WINSTON ON TUESDAY SIX SIX SIXTY ONE AND THAT BEN DAVIS HAD VOLUNTEERED TO HEAD THIS DELEGATION. ON SIX ~~SIX~~ FIVE SIXTY ONE, NY TWO THREE SIX TWO DASH S ASTERISK STATED THAT LOUIS WEINSTOCK, BUSINESS MANAGER OF QUOTE THE WORKER END QUOTE AND JAMES E. JACKSON, EDITOR OF QUOTE THE WORKER END QUOTE WOULD SEE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ON SIX SIX SIXTY ONE IN CONNECTION WITH THE WINSTON CASE. AFTER THEIR APPOINTMENT WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THEY ARE TO CALL A PRESS CONFERENCE PAREN APPARENTLY IN WASHINGTON, D. C. END PAREN IN CONNECTION WITH THE WINSTON CASE. WASHINGTON FIELD REQUESTED TO EFFECT SUCH COVERAGE AS IS FEASIBLE TO DETERMINE THE ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS OF THIS DELEGATION.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284) 6/7/61

SAC, NY (100-56579)

PHILIP BART
IS-C; SA-40; ISA-50
(Weekly Summary 5/29-6/4/61)
CINAL
(OO: NY)

5/30/61

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject's wife, CONNIE, had asked him if he were ready to discuss the weekend meetings, NEC, to which he replied that he would tell her when he was ready and that at present he was very tired and he wanted her to stop "bludgeoning" him.

CG 5824-S* advised that GUS HALL had told him that the subject was listed among those being considered as possible participants in a Summer delegation of the CPUSA to the Soviet Union. Of the entire group listed, it was thought that the subject was the only one having a passport.

This same source also advised that the subject had recently complained to him and was actually in tears over the treatment he was receiving from GUS HALL. The subject was especially bitter regarding a report given by the subject for which he was given no credit by HALL. A solution suggested was that BART have a meeting with HALL with one or two other persons present and put forth all his grievances.

2 - Bureau (100-3284)(RM)
1 - NY (100-56579)(415)

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject had told his wife, CONNIE, that they had had an Educational Commission meeting at the National Office that day.

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NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had attempted to make reservations for a sleeper coach to Chicago for 6/9/61. He was told that there were no accommodations available, but he requested his name be taken for any cancellations.

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject told his wife that he was leaving the following morning for Philadelphia.

Subject later discussed with his wife the situation surrounding the request of EDNA WINSTON to have her children go to a special camp for which there would be accommodations for the children's dog. The subject was very upset about this and claimed that it was going to cost the Party $500. extra just to take care of the dog.

Subject then mentioned ARNOLD JOHNSON and complained that he never does anything at headquarters. JOHNSON was put on Defense six months ago and has yet to do a thing. He said that HALL recently gave him a bill for $2500. for lawyer's fees, and that he told him that it should be handled by ARNOLD and that they should wait for him to "come back."

The subject then became very critical of HALL'S method of operation and some of HALL'S friends. He said that JOE BRANDT is GUS' errand boy and MIKE DAVIDOW is also one of his "flunkies." He said that HALL operates at times as though he was a "section organizer in Youngstown" again.

Subject then mentioned the Educational Commission meeting they held on [redacted]. He said that at it BETTY (LNU) had suggested that they put out a fact sheet to be used for the "purpose of arguments." He said that he thought this was a good idea even though St. Louis, Chicago and Seattle have been using it for sometime.

Subject continued that they are now thinking of publishing a two-page paper in Spanish looking toward recruiting the Puerto Rican element. They are proposing getting 500 subscriptions at $1.00 per year within a year's time. They are figuring on getting out a professionally mimeographed issue at the cost of $25.00 per month. CONNIE suggested that at the affair for JESUS (LNU) it would be a good time to announce this.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject left early that morning for Philadelphia, but prior to leaving asked his wife to check with NY Central Railroad regarding his possible reservations for 6/9/61.

The source advised that later that evening the subject spoke about his trip to Philadelphia and commented that it was a bad day to go there as a lot of people were not home. He said that he and another person (unsub) tried to see as many persons as possible and saw a lot of them, who had not read "The Worker" in years. He said he thought the visit had done some good. He commented that FRANCES (LNU) had worked very hard and is a real good Org. Secretary, and she had things pretty well lined up. He continued that one person they went to see was very happy to see them, but said she was a member of the Provisional Organizing Committee, which is a real "left school." He said they then went to see another married couple, but that the husband was not at home which made things difficult. However, the wife was very friendly and although she did not commit herself, he thought they both may come back. He said later in the evening they went over to see JOE KUZMA and sat around and talked. He said the situation in Philadelphia is not too bad and there is still quite a bit of [redacted] left.

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Subject later commented to his wife that (WILLIAM) FOSTER is in real bad shape and it is "only a matter of days". He commented that they will have to bring the body back to this country.

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MEETING OF THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND DELAWARE, PHILADELPHIA, PA., JUNE 6, 1961

On June 7, 1961, a source advised a meeting of the District Executive Committee, Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (CPEPD) was held on June 6, 1961, at 2018 North 32nd Street, Philadelphia, Pa. The main items on the agenda concerned a discussion of the recent Supreme Court decision concerning Communist Party membership and the press.

THOMAS NABRIED, District Chairman, CPEPD, stated the local district would take no action on this matter until further instructions were received from the National Office. According to NABRIED, GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, had indicated at a previous meeting in New York City that the statement issued by him (HALL) which was critical of the decision and the KENNEDY Administration, would be the only statement issued at this time. NABRIED also indicated the officials of the Communist Party, USA, felt the decision of the Supreme Court would not be made until September and as a result he expects a special emergency meeting of the National Committee, Communist Party, USA, will be called in the very near future to further discuss this decision and what action the Communist Party should take. The local district, however, plans to tighten its security precautions. NABRIED urged the minimum use of the telephone and all individuals attending Communist Party meetings and affairs should take all precautions necessary to make certain that they are not being surveilled. Also, when attending such affairs, they should park their automobiles a safe distance away from the meeting place.

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PA., JUNE 6, 1961

Concerning the press, FRANCES GABOW, District Organization Secretary, CPEPD, stated the recent press drive was very successful and that 54 subscriptions to "The Worker," an East coast Communist weekly newspaper, were obtained, one-half of which were obtained from new readers of the publication. A total of 64 homes were contacted on Sunday, June 4, 1961, during the press mobilization drive and the District was pleased with the results. GABOW also stated PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary, Communist Party, USA, was present in Philadelphia on that date and lent assistance to the drive. The press drive will be continued until July 4, 1961, during which efforts will be made to obtain 21 additional subscriptions so that the District will be able to meet its quota of 75. Another mobilization similar to the one held on June 4, 1961, will be held on June 25, 1961.

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A I R T E L REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) C I N A L

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-31723)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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Enclosed herewith are five copies for the Bureau and two copies for New York of a letterhead memorandum summarizing the results of a meeting of the District Executive Committee, CPEPD, held on [redacted] This information was furnished to SA CHARLES J. WYLAND by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past.

The letterhead memorandum is classified confidential because it contains information from a valuable informant on a continuing basis which, if revealed, could jeopardize the effectiveness of this informant.

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3 - Bureau (100-3-69) (Encl. - 5) (R.M.)
2 - New York (Encl. - 2) (R.M.)
1 - 100-80641 (CPUSA - ORGANIZATION)
1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
3 - Philadelphia
1 - 100-31723
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SA FORREST F. BURGESS

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On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA FORREST F. BURGESS of the following. This information was dictated on 5/10/61 into statement form, typed by Stenographer [redacted] on [redacted] and was then read and initialed by the informant on [redacted] It is maintained in [redacted].

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3 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
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MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: [6-9-61] (X)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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(1-100-93796 (PEGGY DENNIS)
(1-100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
(1-100-84994 (GUS HALL)
(1-100-136953 (EDITH LUMER)
(1-100-105078 (HYMAN LUMER)
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3-Chicago
(1-A)134-46)
(1-100-12789 (GERALDYNE LIGHTFOOT)

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On June 7, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN a handwritten letter prepared by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), dated June 3, New York City. This letter was photostated by the Chicago Office and the original was returned to the source on June 8, 1961. One photostat has been retained by the Chicago Office and made an exhibit in CGfile 100-33741-1B3(219)

Two photostats of this item are enclosed herewith for the Bureau and New York.

Set forth below are the verbatim contents of the above-noted letter except for the deletion of minor personal data which tends to identify this source or has no investigative pertinency. The information appearing in parentheses was supplied by the source on June 8, 1961, for assisting in the interpretation of the contents of this item:

["NYC - June 3 -]

"Dear..... I went to Hy's (Hyman Lumer) house for supper last night. Between there and talking to him in the car later, I got home after 1 a.m. Did you know that the application made to the judge for stay on Hy's behalf said that his wife (Edith) has cancer? She found out about it and was greatly disturbed. It had seemed strange to me that he would get such a stay. He has tried to keep it from her but I think she suspects. She looked dreadful - sick, nervous, frightened - it's pitiful. No wonder the poor guy is so distraught. He told one person - G (Gus Hall) - but unfortunately it made no change in his demeanor. He never calls or goes to see her altho he lived there for months when he first came to N.Y. She is extremely bitter. I asked Hy to try to keep her from saying all the things she said to me to others, who might not understand.

"He is on a leave of absence - but can do little but wait on her. He has to arrange for her to stay with somebody or somebody with her, when and if he goes to jail. He is hard pressed financially as the medication is extremely

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"expensive. Some special consideration should be given to this. But he has met with littlesympathy and no consideration from others here. He is so bitter too--he does not want to return to the N.O. (National Office) but to go to the mid-west in a district afterwards. Such a valuable person too. I know he can be queralous but now he is in deep tragedy and needs help and understanding. I'll see what, if anything, I can do. The Dr. says it will not be long.

"Well I talked to Sadie (Amter), as you guys requested. She called me up - had to see me to ask me some questions. She said she had been sick, is so weak, had fainted recently. So I said we had heard of her state of health and had decided to advise her not to try to go, that nobody is pushing her to go and it is not an easy trip, nor can special arrangements of diet etc. be made outside of a hospital. She got into a dither - said she's alright, her doctor said there's nothing the matter with her and after a few weeks' rest she'll be able to go etc. She went up to the office yesterday but I doubt if she found anyone to talk to. Maybe we'll have to be firm and refuse to let her go. I suggested to go to Calif. - /LA/ where she has a lot of friends, tho they may not thank me. She has no reservation. It's all tentative. I doubt if she actually could go.

"Phil (Bart) called yesterday to say there are new developments in relation to Winny (Henry Winston). He is having a recurrence of pains and symtoms. The doctor who operated want to make a difficult and dangerous brain examination but will not do it in the prison hospital. He wants him brought to his office where he has the special facilities. The lawyers are working on getting permission. A delegation will go to Washington. Well that's not very cheerful news all around. But that's all I hear. Lena (Scherer) just called me. She will invite Peggy (Dennis) and me for supper next week. Haven't heard from Peggy. I guess she went out to her sister-in-law's. Genie (Eugene Dennis, Jr.) is due here Monday. Then time will fly.

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"What's with Geraldyne (Lightfoot)? I wrote to her. I plan to go away on the 16th for two weeks. I still cough a little and feel I'm not entirely free of the germs. I need a short rest. Wish you could come too.

".....I speak in Queens tonight - at a fund raising party. That will be my last for a while.

[/S/ "Elizabeth]

"Hy finished the Jim Beam (liquor) yesterday."

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MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: 6-9-61

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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(1-100- (GUS POLITES)
1-Boston (RM)
(1-100-547 (ANN BURLAK TIMPSON)
2-Detroit (RM)
(1-100- (GUS POLITES)
(1-100-13420 (CARL WINTER)
20-New York (RM)(Enc. 2)
(1-100-12959 (CONNIE BART)
(1-100-56579 (PHIL BART)
(1-100-23825 (BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR.)
(1-100-93796 (PEGGY DENNIS)
(1-100-132129 (EUGENE DENNIS, JR.)
(1-100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
(1-100-9365 (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)
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(1-100- (HARRY YURRIS)
(1-100-80638 (CP, USA - Membership)
(1-100-80641 (CP, USA - Organization)
(1-100-86624 (CP, USA - International Relations)
(1-100- (Delegation of CP, USA, Members, Moscow, Russia, May Day, 1961)
(1-100- (CP, New York State - Organization)
(1-100-128314 (CP, New York State - Funds)
(1- 97-169 (Publishers New Press)
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(1-A)134-46)
(1-100-38525 (Delegation of CP,USA, Members, Moscow, Russia, May Day, 1961)

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On June 7, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN a handwritten letter prepared by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), dated Sunday, June 4. This letter was photostated by the Chicago Office and the original was returned to the source on June 8, 1961. One photostat has been retained by the Chicago Office and made an exhibit in CGfile 100-33741-1B3(221).

Two photostats of this item are enclosed herewith for the Bureau and New York.

Set forth below are the verbatim contents of the above-noted letter except for the deletion of minor personal data which tends to identify this source or has no investigative pertinency. The information appearing in parentheses was supplied by the source on June 7, 1961, for assisting in the interpretation of the contents of this item.

"Sunday - June 4 -

"Dear.....Ann (Burlak Timpson) called me this a.m. on her way home. She was in fine spirit and very happy. The others (members of CP, USA, delegation to Moscow, May Day, 1961) will be home in about ten days. Two messages she brought for Gus (Hall) & all of us. Bill (Foster) is in very bad shape. It is a matter of days she was told to tell us. I presume /tho it sounds ghoulish to discuss/ we must decide what to do afterwards - funeral & buried there or here. I am inclined to say here, tho I can see reasons otherwise, expense etc. Possibly cremation there and bring the ashes here for burial at Waldheim (cemetery, Chicago) would be possible. What do you think?

"Also she went to Poland. She found Harry (Yurris) much better - waiting to go to a sanitarium for the summer. They are concerned about somebody (Gus Polites) from Detroit, a Greek, I believe, who is ordered deported and was supposed to make arrangements for voluntary departure to Poland. But

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"they have heard nothing there they say - no visa issued etc. and they were fearful he might be deported, in fact Monday is supposed to be the deadline. Do you know anything about this? I tried to call Carl (Winter) but got no answer. Will try again later.

"A delegation consisting of Ben (Davis), Jim J. (Jackson), and one or two others will go to Washington on Tuesday, in relation to Winny (Henry Winston). The tests or examination are very difficult, painful and even dangerous. The surgeon insists he be brought to his office where he has all the necessary equipment.

"I spoke in Queens, in a co-operative house last night. Forty people present. We collected $115 for the paper. The membership here are good people. Pauli Robeson's mother in law was there. She said Pauli came back yesterday. Paul (Robeson, Sr.) is out of the hospital but taking it easy in Moscow. Norman Thomas was speaking in the auditorium of the house last night. Our paths criss cross all the time. I'm going to drop him a line of greetings.

"How is everyone.....By the way I told Phil (Bart) yesterday /he and Connie (Bart) dropped in to see me/ of our conversation with Peggy (Dennis) and..... conversation with Gus (Hall). He recommended that she pay only for '61 - since Gene's death and we assume that he took care of it before that. He will register her etc. He feels this is sufficient and will cause less talk. She went away to her sister-in-law for the week-end. She will be better once Genie (Eugene Dennis, Jr.) comes, I'm sure.....

/S/ "Elizabeth"

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TO SAC, NEW YORK /100-56579/

FROM SAC, CHICAGO /100-2644/ 1P

PHILIP BART, IS DASH C. ISA OF FIFTY. SMITH ACT OF FORTY. REURAIRTEL JUNE FIVE LAST. SINCE SUBJECT IS CP NAT-L ORGANIZATIONAL SECRETARY, AND IN VIEW OF RECENT LEGAL DECISIONS, NEW YORK REQUESTED SUTEL RE SUBJECT-S TRAVEL PLANS SO CHICAGO CAN ESTABLISH COVERAGE.

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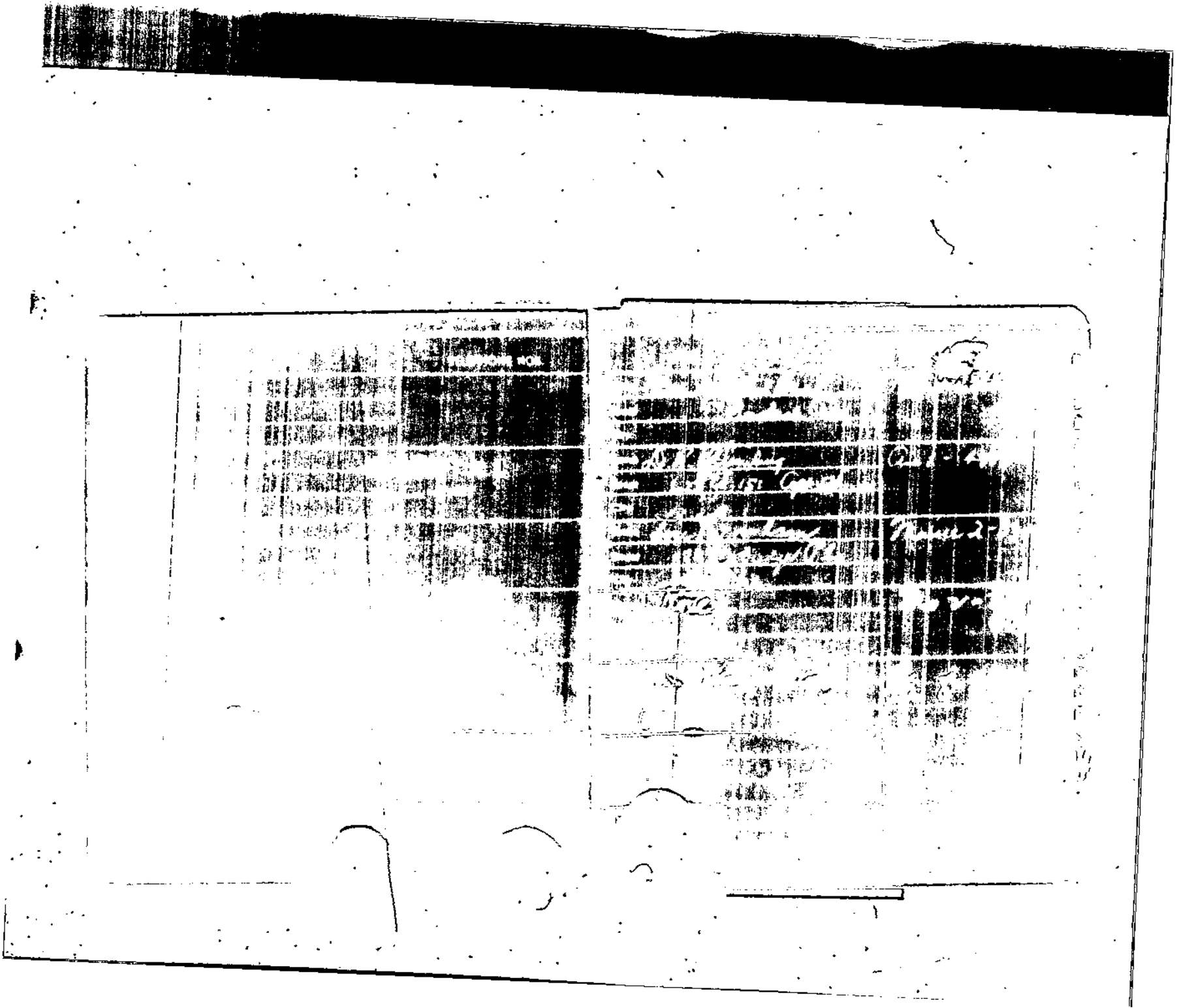

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) Date: 5/15/61

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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NY 3222-S*, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, on 4/13/61 made available two telephone directories containing names, telephone numbers and, in some instances, addresses.

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NY 3222-S*, was unable to furnish any additional data concerning these directories, and advised that they were in the possession of JAMES TORMEY and BETTY GANNETT, Apt. 1201 at 215 Willoughby Avenue, Brooklyn, NY at that time.

[redacted] that as of that date, JAMES TORMEY was a member of the CP, USA, National Committee and Chairman of the Kings County, CP.

"The Worker", a weekly East Coast Communist newspaper, in its 12/11/60, issue on page 12, columns 4 and 5, contains an article captioned "State Communists Map Stronger Mass Work". This article notes that the CP was in the process of streamlining the New York State Organization of the CP and that final action resulted in the designation of a full time staff. Among those so designated was BETTY GANNETT as Organizational and Educational Director of the New York State CP.

The name CONNIE & PHIL BART, Newkirk Ave., telephone number BU 7-7744 appeared among the names listed in these directories.

1 - New York (100-15946) (JAMES TORMEY) (422)
1 - New York (100-26603-C43) (KCCP) (422)
(1) - New York (100-56579) (415) (Philip Bart) (Attachment)

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The negative for the above information is located in 100-15946-1A 1B79, roll 2, frame 69.

The records of the New York Telephone Company as furnished to SA JAMES M. ANDERSON on _____ by [redacted] Agent, Legal Department, reflect that the subscriber to the telephone number set forth above is _____ _____, _____ _____.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-31723)

DATE: 6/5/61

FROM : SA CHARLES J. WYLAND

SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally furnished a written statement to SA CHARLES J. WYLAND. This statement is maintained in [redacted] b7D

3 - New York (Registered Mail)
(1 - 100- PHILIP BART)
(1 - 100- [redacted]
(1 - 100- CPUSA - ORGANIZATION)

1 - Philadelphia (100-31723)
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"The Second Session of the District Committee of Eastern Pa. and Delaware was held on Sunday [redacted] in the home of [redacted] Ave.

"The following comrades were present:

[redacted]

"The agenda was as follows:

"1. Trade Union Trends - [redacted]

2. Press - [redacted]

"The meeting was called for 10:30 A.M. but like the previous day, it did not start on time, as a matter of fact it started at 11:40 A.M.

[redacted] suggested a chairman for the session be named. The comrades selected [redacted]

[redacted] immediately set the time for the points. He said if the meeting was to end at 5:00 P.M. he would suggest the report b[redacted]e heard and than discussion until 1:30 P.M. Lunch, until 2:00 P.M., proposals be heard and than the rest of the time be spent on press.

"The comrades objected. They wanted to see more time spent on the trade union question. [redacted] suggested he give his report, than discussion until 1:30 - Lunch until 2:00 P.M. another hour for discussion, than more on the press. This was accepted.

[redacted] report was not too long. He devoted it to new trends and developments in the world and its effect upon trade unions in America. [redacted] said the following, quote:

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"'Comrades the N.E.C. met on May 6, and had a one point agenda, "New Trends developing within the trade union movement."

"'Comrade [redacted] gave the report and used many points from [redacted] pamphlet "The U. S. in Today's World."

"'New trends are developing in the trade Union Movement in this country. This is the situation flowing out of the new world relationships created by the changed operation of the uneven development of capitalism. For a long time this uneven development has worked in favor of U. S. capitalism, and has been its strength. Now it is no longer in favor of U. S."

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[redacted] says in his article, that these problems arise out of the new stage reached in the general crisis of capitalism, and he list the following:

1 - There is serious unemployment; creeping stagnation in industries.

2 - Automation

3 - The growth of U. S. owned overseas production continues to aggravate the problems of foreign competition and the loss of jobs of American workers.

4 - Large inventories

5 - The employers are on the offensive. Company unionism has made a successful appearance for the first time since the 30's.

6 - Rising prices are steadily widening the gap between the cost of living and wage levels.

7 - There's the Landrum-Griffin law, as well as Taft-Hartley law and other restrictive measures tending toward government control of the unions."

"'Now what has developed - we see a qualified change taking place at top leadership level. This is due to a struggle between old craft of AFL and the industrial union division of the CIO."

"'This struggle goes deeper than jurisdictional fight, it is a political fight around the foreign policy of the U. S."

"'What are some of the new trends"?

1 - Series of action on part of Trade Union leadership. On the question of peace, starting with [redacted] speech sponsored by the Friend's Service.

2 - Conference held in Chicago, by trade unionists when the peace discussion was the order of the day.

3 - Further in the struggle, [redacted] attack on [redacted] at the conference in Washington.

4 - The Negro American Labor Council's Conference, in Wash. laid down a policy on racism.

"'In this struggle we must see other things. There's a danger of a split within the trade union Movement. This split would not help labor, it would make it more open for attack from the monopoly trust."

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"'It is also important to note that the trends are developing in sectors of labor that the left has played a more active part."

"'The question of hunger, effecting 30 millon people in this country is an important factor. [redacted] is sensitive to some of the developments. One question he raised was the attack upon the standard of living."

" [redacted] raised, at the Auto Negoiation Convention, the placing of production workers on salaries. This did not catch any fancy of the workers."

"'Well why did his idea receive such a cool reception, it was because the party in Detroit had already distributed pamphlets on the 30 hr. week and also sold many workers before the convention."

"'Another question raised at this convention, was a call for the Fair Standard Wage Law. This was dealt with in relation to foreign made cars undercutting American workers."

"'Comrades these developments must be used as a means toward carrying out our work. The special role of the communist union member is to bring clarity on these issues and deepen the thinking of the leadership of the Trade Union Movement."

"'Comrades I am not too aware of what is happening in our district on the labor front. However, I do know Penna. has been the scene of long duration strikes. I do not think we took advantage of some of the Trade Unionists that went on delegations to the Soviet Union."

"'Further situation within the Trade Union Movement in this district as far as political action is concerned, it is still tied to the democratic party."

"'Also in Phila. we have the Negro American Labor Council and the Phila. Negro Trade Union Leadership Committee. The N.A.L.C. is not active any more and all the P.N.T.U.L.C. has done is endorse a few statements made by other organizations."

"'Another development here is the lessening of Red-baiting by unions."

"'Comrades we must continue to fight for unity within the trade union movement. We do not have all the answers, but we do know if we work with the workers and honest trade union leaders, we will find answers and solutions to the many vexing problems that now plague them." unquote.

"The floor was opened for discussion.

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[redacted] 'Comrades I think we should note some of these new developments in labor, for instance the merger of the Maritime's ILA and Teamsters."

"'Secondly, there's a convention to be held on the Latin American problems that will strengthen the ties between U.S.A. and Latin American unions. I also know that a few leaders of Labor have met quietly in N. Y. and are laying the ground work for a Labor party."

[redacted] 'I liked [redacted] report, but would like to hear more about these trends."

"PHIL BART: Comrades I would recommend that each of you read the Trade union section by [redacted] in his report. This will give you a good idea of world movements and the effect it is playing on U. S. Labor. What's taking place in the world is bound to effect U. S. trade unionists."

"'There's a new general left arising in the trade unions. It is "left" in the sense of [redacted] being to the "Left" of [redacted]

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"'Labor also played a role in the development in the South by aiding the Tent City Victims."

"'Comrades, it is alright to criticize Labor leaders, but we should do it as a part of labor, not outsiders, looking in, because we are all the working class."

"'In this country today, the party has begun to make contact with some labor leaders, we are able to sit down and talk and in some way influence them to take a stand on certain issues. This must grow larger."

"'One final word, we must fight for unity in the house of Labor."

[redacted] 'On this question of unity, to raise the question of a split as dangerous, you have to raise the question of unity around struggle."

"'You can't call for unity at any price. I would like to see more clarity on the minimum issues for struggle."

[redacted] 'I want to agree with [redacted] and PHIL's remarks, things are developing in labor. But one thing is clear we in the party are not utilizing all possible contacts. There are non-party members of Building Trades contacting us, asking for help and guidance."

"'We know how anti-Communist the leadership is there, but through our influence we have managed some things. While we do not approve of [redacted] behavior, he was thrown out of Bld'g Trades because he was a communist; well he has now been reinstated in the union."

[redacted] Listening to [redacted] remarks, it seems he's interested in forming top-level contacts. Comrades top movements are lopsided, and we must get the rank & file, grass root contacts. Without them we are lost."

"'I also recommend that every Negro comrade join N.A.L.C."

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"It was now 2:00 P.M. The comrades broke for lunch, which was a half hour. After lunch it was decided to have another half hour for discussion on the Trade Union question.

[redacted] 'Comrades I want to lend my support to the report. It shows we must work in a way that starts from the practice and problems of everyday unionism."

"'The problems and difficulties & weaknesses of the working class are our difficulties. We can no longer preach or advise, we must be for rank & file movements, but not as ends in themselves.

"'We Communists must provide the workers with perspective and political understanding."

"'One word of warning, we cannot agree with [redacted] when he says all Negro comrades should join the Negro American Labor Council. Our forces are small, it would be an error to place all our eggs in one basket. We must use our Negro comrades in labor, church life and the N.A.A.C.P. these are the main stream of Negro life, so let's move accordingly."

[redacted] 'I will agree with Comrade [redacted]

[redacted] I would like to know what is the party's policy on foreign imports. I know the working class' position. What should the party support."

"'An example is the automobile industry having these cards made in Europe and selling them here. As a result the workers in the U.S.A. are cut off and are idle."

"'There's also the question of sugar, as a result of our boyacott of Cuba, workers in the sugar industry are being laid off. This should be utilized by our comrades on the waterfront as a means for opening up the question of peaceful trade. You can get farther when you speak with workers on self-interest problems."

[redacted] Comrades, it is late and I feel we should call this discussion to an end. The chairman should open the floor for proposals."

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[redacted] first called for the adoption of [redacted] report. This was carried. He called for proposals.

"1 [redacted] A conference on Trade Union work be held. This was carried.

"2 - [redacted] A memo on report and discussion be sent to all clubs. This was carried.

"3 [redacted] Work toward a mass meeting around the Freedom Riders." This was carried.

"It was proposed and carried that the District Executive Committee work out the details.

"The next point on the agenda was press. [redacted] read the memo, which you will find attached.

"PHIL BART said he had come to Phila. to check on the press drive. He said he also had news for the comrades, in the very near future the Worker would be printed twice a week. This brought applause from the comrades.

"BART said it was a step closer to a Daily paper. He said prices had not as yet been fixed, but we would hear soon.

[redacted] than went around the room asking personal pledges on funds and subs to be obtained by the District leadership. It was as follows:

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"The meeting adjuirned 5:10 P.M."

The article on Press is being retained in 100-31643 and pertains to National Press Day, June 4, 1961, and the District plans to obtain new subscriptions.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-24624) 6/6/61

SA HAROLD P. QUINN

LOUISE PATTERSON
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Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Characterization	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	5/27/61

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 5/27/61, (WILLIAM L. "PAT" PATTERSON) contacted PHIL (BART). PAT told PHIL that he may not be "there" tomorrow because "LOUISE" (PATTERSON) (his wife) fell and broke her leg in 2 places. They discussed LOUISE's condition and PAT indicated she is home with her leg in a cast.

PHIL then told PAT that he thinks "we'll just have further discussion and a plan" (tomorrow). PAT asked how "it" was (tonight's session). PHIL replied that "we had the youth this evening" and that it was very good. PAT asked, "any colored?" PHIL replied, "No" and added that "that's one of the things that was taken up." PAT then commented that he wishes he had been there (tonight). PAT then told PHIL about how LOUISE fell when she slipped on a plastic bag on the street, mentioning that she was to the Jewish Hospital. PHIL asked how PAT feels, remarking that he thought that PAT was sort of a little tired this afternoon. PAT replied that he was a little tired and mentioned that he talked to "GUS" about it. PHIL then said that if PAT is not "there" (tomorrow) he will tell the people. PAT said he will try to be there, but agreed that PHIL should tell the people if he isn't. They concluded with PHIL remarking that he will see PAT (in any case).

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ANDY REMES
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Identity of Informant NY 1749-S*
(Conceal and paraphrase)

Characterization Who has furnished reliable information in the past

Date 5/19/61

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 5/19/61, PHIL (BART) contacted [redacted] ANDY (REMES) at HYacinth 3-8972. [redacted] answered and asked if PHIL wants ANDY. PHIL replied that he wants to know "your schedule" because he said he will be busy this week end when ANDY is leaving. [redacted] replied that "we're not sure, but it's likely Sunday night." She asked about CONNIE and PHIL replied that she is okay, adding that she left (house) a long time ago and that he (PHIL) is on his way. [redacted] then said she will put ANDY on. b6 b7C

ANDY then speaks to PHIL, telling him that he found out that he has been assigned to Milan, Michigan. PHIL commented that that's not too bad. ANDY retorted that the only thing is that it's a long way for [redacted] to have to travel. PHIL said he knows and remarks that the best thing would be Connecticut. ANDY started to say that he is going to do something, but interrupted himself to tell PHIL that "VIC" (VIC RABINOWITZ) has been so busy it has been hard to pin him down. PHIL agreed and added that "MARY" (KAUFMAN) went to Leavenworth yesterday morning. ANDY remarked that he doesn't suppose she is back today then. PHIL retorted that she may be as ANDY comments that if MARY is gone, he doesn't have anybody to turn to. PHIL suggested that ANDY call her today, repeating that he thinks she left yesterday morning and that he supposes she will leave sometime today to come back here. ANDY then said he was going

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to try to reach her this morning since VIC went to Chicago, adding that he hoped she could still do something. ANDY then remarked that he doesn't know where Milan is. PHIL replied that "a bunch of guys" were there and ANDY then stated that MC FALL (ph) is there now. ANDY added that that's the place that SAM DAVIS (ph) was and PHIL repeated that "a number of people" have been there in the recent period. He tells ANDY that "one of the first ones" was there - JOSEPHSON (ph). ANDY confirmed that that's right; that VIC mentioned that. PHIL then said it was LEO JOSEPHSON.

ANDY then asked where PHIL is headed for this week end. PHIL replied that he will be "out of town;" but added that he will be in town although he will be busy all day Saturday. PHIL suggested that, therefore, he may see ANDY depending on what the latter's schedule is. ANDY agreed and told PHIL that "we'll" be home. PHIL then said he will see ANDY late in the afternoon, adding that he is busy the whole week end, but that he will squeeze some time in because he said he is leaving on Sunday at about 6:00 in the morning - "one of those things - I have to go out." ANDY suggested that maybe when PHIL finishes up everything PHIL can drop by Saturday. PHIL then repeated that he will see ANDY late in the afternoon Saturday; that he will take some time. ANDY said that will be fine.

PHIL then again suggested that ANDY call MARY today, mentioning that he spoke to her Wednesday and that she was leaving yesterday morning. PHIL then said that MARY's problem is that it takes her a little more time because she takes a plane to Kansas City and then has to take a bus or something to Leavenworth, which takes a few extra hours. PHIL commented that he doesn't know what that does to her schedule, but he told ANDY that "they'll know in her office -.. VIC's office." ANDY asked PHIL to see what he can find out about Milan. PHIL said he will ask "some of the guys around there" as he repeats that some people have been in Milan.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, ALBANY (100-11056) Date: 6/9/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128814)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NY DISTRICT
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[redacted] advised that a meeting of the NY District CP Committee was held in Room 11C, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Ave., NY, NY, on 5/20/61. Following is a list of persons entering Room 11C Adelphi Hall on 5/20/61, as observed by SAS JOHN F. LANGTRY and THOMAS J. DEVINE. The surveillance log is maintained in 100-26602 Sub G.:

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1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
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10:07	W. L. PATTERSON
10:07	IRVING POTASH
10:09	CLARA BODIAN
10:10	PHIL BART
10:10	CONSTANTINE RADZIE
10:12	JESUS COLON
10:12	EVIE WIENER
10:12	NINO STRACUSA
10:13	[redacted]
10:22	RUTH SHULMAN
10:22	JIM TORMEY
10:26	ALEX KOLKIN
10:31	ED WOLKENSTEIN
10:32	AL PAULA
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10:53	MORT SCHEER
10:53	ESTHER CANTOR
10:53	WILBUR BROMS
10:53	HATTIE LUMPKIN
10:53	EDITH ROSENBERG
10:55	AL GUYTON
11:03	T. R. BASSETT
11:07	AL JACKSON
11:12	BEN DAVIS
11:16	MILLIE EDELMAN
11:22	MIKE STEIN
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The following individual was observed at CPUSA Headquarters on [redacted] PHIL BART

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603) (414) Date: 6/12/61

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: NY DISTRICT CP
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On 5/31/61 a City-wide open Communist Party meeting was held on the 15th floor at Adelphi Hall, 853 Broadway, New York, N.Y., from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, at which approximately 200 people were in attendance.

Among those present, the following individuals were recognized

GUS HALL
[redacted]
CONNIE BART
ESTHER UNGER
CLARA COLON
JESUS COLON
ARTHUR EDELMAN
ARTHUR KNIGHT
LEO RABOUINE
[redacted]
RUTH DANIELS
SHEVRA WOOL
LENNIE HIRSHMAN

BETTY GANNETT
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REBECCA WEINER
SZIDONIA STEINER
DANNY RUBEL
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HAROLD COLLINS
JIM JACKSON
BEN DAVIS
WILLIAM PATTERSON
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MURRAY ROSENBERG
PHIL BART
JACK and RUTH SHULMAN

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JIM JACKSON was the chairman.

GUS HALL was the principal speaker and he spoke generally on the struggle for freedom by the negroes in the South and the Freedom Riders in Alabama.

A collection was taken up from those present to defray the cost of hiring the ball and for the Communist Party press.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128815)(414) Date: 6/12/61

FROM : SA CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH (422)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NYD-NEGRO QUESTION
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1 - New York [redacted] Inv.) (422)
1 - New York (157-391) (FREEBUS) (412)
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On 5/31/61 GUS HALL, General Secretary of the Communist Party, U.S.A. addressed an open meeting at Adacemy Hall in New York City. The meeting was chaired by JAMES E. JACKSON and was attended by the following:

BEN DAVIS
WILLIAM L. PATTERSON
PHIL BART
[redacted]
IRVING POTASH
BETTY GANNETT
JAMES TORMEY
EMMA ELLSWORTH
[redacted]
CONNIE BART
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SZDONIA STEINER
EDDIE PINCKNEY
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ANNE FRIEDLANDER
JESUS COLON
CLARA COLON

RUTH SCHULMAN
ANN YELLIN
DAVE LEEDS
LEO RABOUINE
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There were approximately 150 persons present altogether.

GUS HALL spoke. He pointed out the situation in Alabama and Mississippi and indicated that he felt that the president was trying to throw the responsibility to the Interstate Commerce Commission. He said that Mr. KENNEDY must bear the responsibility and that people should put pressure on the President for action. HALL said that the Negro problems should be the number one responsibility of the Communist Party and the working class and that everyone should become involved in every way he can. He advocated demonstrations to show the government and the people that this is important.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) June 12, 1961

SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

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On June 8, 1961, CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SAS CARL M. FREYMAN and RICHARD W. HANSEN three documents received through the mail June 8, 1961, from the National Office, Communist Party, USA (CP, USA), New York City.

These items were photostated by the Chicago Office and one photostat is being retained by Chicago in file 100-33741-1B3(222).

Two photostats of each item are enclosed herewith for the Bureau and the New York Office.

One document was a one-page mimeographed item dated June 5, 1961, issued over the name of PHIL BART and captioned, "Statement on William Z. Foster," which reflects that there had been a serious turn in the physical condition of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.

The second document received was a two-page mimeographed item captioned, "Memo on National Plan of Work." It was noted therein that at the National Executive Committee meeting of the CP, USA, held on May 27-28, 1961, there had been adopted a national plan of work for the period of July to December, 1961. This plan of work had been presented by PHIL BART in a report to the National Executive Committee and had been based upon a discussion of the National Organizational Buro.

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(1-100-9365 (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)
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The third document was a four-page mimeographed item captioned, "National Plan of Work July-December, 1961." It was noted that the National Executive Committee, CP, USA, had adopted the plan of work at its meeting of May 27-28, 1961. The document sets forth the Party tasks in regard to the following phases of activity:

1) Building of the united front on all levels;

2) Attention to Party clubs;

3) The press;

4) Ideological activity.

This entire plan of work, the document reflects, is based upon that section of the report dealing with the political estimation as made by GUS HALL, General Secretary, CP, USA, at the National Executive Committee meeting of May 27-28, 1961.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641) DATE: 6/12/61

FROM: SA JOHN A. HAAG

SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
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1-NY 100-93665
1-NY 100-134953
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1-NY 100-81771
1-NY 100-16785
1-NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY 100-84275 [redacted] 414)
1-NY 100-23825
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At CP headquarters on May 22/61 these people were seen.

[redacted] was telling [redacted] that she had received $100 from Cuba for the loss of her luggage. She said that "they" were just wonderfull down there. [redacted] agreed with her that if that had happened in the U.S.A. she would have had much more trouble in getting paid for its loss. [redacted] said that the stuff she lost was not worth that much and that she was going to return $50 of it to Cuba. She did not say just how she would do this.

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After [redacted] had gone [redacted] told [redacted] that she had been stopped by the F.B.I. that morning. She said that a man had been waiting for her outside her house when she came out and that he had stopped her and tried to talk to her. She said that he told her that she could be a great help to them if she wanted to and that she told him that he knew very well that she wouldn't do it, even if what he said was true. She said she expected that from now on they would pester her. She said that the man had told her that he was from the F.B.I., so she was not just guessing that he was. She said she believed that there were two men but that only one spoke to her.

[redacted] if she would be available to help them out during the vacation time. She was not sure just when they would begin their vacations but she thinks 2 will be going at one time and had to be sure that someone would be there to take their places at the time. [redacted] assured her she would be glad to be there and she was very glad to have this settled. She thinks the vacations will begin early in June.

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Remarks:

According to informant, the following individual was in attendance at a meeting of the CPUSA National Board at CPUSA headquarters in New York City on May 6, 1961:

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284) 6/14/61

SAC, NY (100-56579)

PHILIP BART
IS-C; ISA-50; SA-40
(Weekly Summary 6/5-11/61)
CINAL
(OO: NY)

6/5/61

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had contacted his wife and told her that the McCarran and Smith Act decisions had been upheld by the Supreme Court. CONNIE said she had not heard and asked him what this meant. Subject said that there are a lot of "quirks" in the decision, that the SCALES conviction was upheld, but that NOTO'S was reversed. Subject said it took FRANKFURTER 112 pages to write the decision on the McCarran Act. The subject said he was staying downtown late because of this and there were a lot of arrangements to make.

Source advised that the subject contacted MARCEL SCHERER and then ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, who was apparently visiting the SCHERERS. Subject commented to SCHERER regarding the Supreme Court decisions that there are still a "bunch of loopholes left". He then told FLYNN that they were getting together at one o'clock the following day at Headquarters and she said she would be there. He commented they are also meeting on Wednesday with FORER (JOE FORER). He commented that CARL (WINTER) was also going to be in. He then mentioned BILL (FOSTER) and said he had taken a turn for the worse. He said they had sent out a notice to all districts and also one for the paper so that if he gets better, it will be o.k., but that if he does not it will not be a shock to anyone.

2 - Bureau (100-3284)(RM)
1 - NY (100-56579)(415)
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6/6/61

NY 2359-S* advised that the subject had been in attendance at a meeting of leading functionaries and invited guests of the CPUSA held at CP National Headquarters. The main subject at this meeting were the decisions of the Supreme Court on the Mc Carran and Smith Acts. During the meeting, the subject commented that it was essential that the entire Party be advised of "our position." (NY airtel to Bureau, 6/7/61, "CPUSA - ORGANIZATION").

6/7/61

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had contacted IZZY WOFSY early that date and asked him to meet him later that morning. WOFSY told him that he was not in a position to do that, however, they would be able to meet the following morning.

6/8/61

A surveillance by SAS of FBI observed the subject meeting with JUNIUS SCALES at 8:00 AM in the area of 200 West 42nd Street, NYC. SCALES and the subject spent approximately an hour and fifteen minutes together in a restaurant in the area.

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject had commented to his wife that he had met that day with JUNIUS SCALES. He said that SCALES is hoping for a reduction in his sentence and is also going to keep his union card for possible benefits.

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NY 1740-S* advised that the subject had contacted [redacted] and asked how ANDY was. [redacted] said that ANDY was in the Penitentiary at Myland, Michigan, and that he had a very unpleasant trip with a two-day stop over at Toledo. They both then commented on the Supreme Court decision and PHIL said that it was not really directed at the CP, but that it will be used against the Freedom Riders and CORE (Congress of Racial Equality).

This source advised that the subject contacted ANN TIMPSON in Boston, Mass. and they spoke about the possibility of the subject's going to Boston within the next few days. The subject said that this would be impossible for a week or two but that he would let her know as soon as things straighten out in New York. ANN asked if he had heard from any of her friends (CP delegation in Russia) and he said he had not. ANN said she expects some of them will be home by the middle of the month. She said the whole trip was wonderful.

Source advised that HY LUMER and CARL WINTER had contacted the subject regarding the dates of a meeting to be held at Headquarters. HY said that everybody would be able to make it as he called (ANTHONY) KRCHMAREK and CLAUDE (LIGHTFOOT). PHIL said that the only one it would really effect adversely was TOMMY DENNIS.

6/10/61

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had discussed early that morning a number of nuisance calls they had received during the night and early morning. Subject remarked that they were no doubt a result of their name and address appearing in yesterday's paper. ("NY Daily Mirror" story regarding the residence of CP members in NYC, 6/9/61).

Subject said he is thinking of getting a privately listed phone so that they will not be receiving any more of those "fascist phone calls." CONNIE commented that maybe they should wait to see what happens as people forget these things in a few days.

NY 2359-S* advised that the subject had been in attendance at an enlarged NEC meeting held that day at CP Headquarters, NYC (NY Teletype to Bureau, "CPUSA-ORGANIZATION", 6/11/61.)

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NY 1750-S* advised that CONNIE BART had been visited earlier that morning by the subject's sister, DOROTHY LEVIN and they discussed the fact that some of the subject's plans had been shattered by some of the events of the past week. DOTTIE asked if the subject still planned on going on his trip to the Midwest and CONNIE said he had planned to leave that Friday (6/9/61) for ten days, but it had been cancelled.

Later that evening after the NEC meeting, PHIL had commented to his wife that it is difficult to convince some of these people of the seriousness of the law and its self-policing features. He said that as an individual you are responsible to report and convict yourself. CONNIE asked if any demands had been raised on the possibility of removing BOB KENNEDY. Subject said that this is a very minor point as they are really concerned with removing the law. He said there are a number of points including the TRUMAN veto which they are going to play up. He said they are also going to work on having different groups

oppose various parts of the law. He said that for the Party to register would be to accept the "big lie" and admit that we are agents of a foreign power. This opens up an even greater jeopardy to the Party.

NY 1749-S* advised that LENA SCHERER had contacted the subject and told her he had just gotten home. LENA asked if she would be able to meet him after work on Tuesday. He said he would know more by Tuesday. She said she was ready if necessary to come and meet him right after work at 4:30. They agreed that he would call her Monday night and let her know his plans so that they would be able to make it on Tuesday.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) DATE: 6/14/61

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: PHIL BART
IS-C

On 6/8/61, a physical surveillance of PHIL BART by Agents of the NYO, revealed that he left his residence at 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y., at 7:45 a.m., and proceeded via subway to Times Square, N.Y. He was then observed walking around the Times Building at Times Square and at 8:45 a.m., met an individual at the entrance to the Times Building, facing on Broadway. They then walked to Hector's Cafeteria, 260 W. 42nd St., and entered there at 8:55 a.m. They were observed talking at a table in the cafeteria and left the cafeteria at 10:05 a.m. Both entered the 7th Ave. subway station at 42nd St. and 7th Ave. and parted company in the subway station. The person whom BART was with boarded the uptown 7th Ave. subway, got off at W. 125th St. and walked to 90 La Salle St., entering the rear of this building with a key.

The person whom BART met at Times Square was identified from a photograph as being JUNIUS SCALES.

The surveillance log is maintained in NY file 100-56579-Sub A.

1-NY (100-91418 (JUNIUS SCALES) (424)
1-NY (100-56579) (415)
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Date: 6/14/61

TO : SAC, ALBANY

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NYD
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1 - New York (100-128812) (CP, USA, NYD POLITICAL ACTIVITY) (414)
1 - New York (100-128821) (CP, USA, NYD FACTIONALISM) (414)
1 - New York (100-22864) [redacted] (424)
1 - New York (100-128815) (CP, USA, NYD-NEGRO QUESTION) (414)
1 - New York (100-26603) (414)

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A copy of informant's report follows:

5/26/61

On [redacted] the New York State Communist Party Committee met at Adelphi Hall, New York City, in room 11-C.

The following were present:

[redacted]

PHIL BART

[redacted]

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On Friday night [redacted] spoke to the committee noting that [redacted] was back in the hospital and [redacted] was carrying on for him. He recommended that

[redacted] work with the state organization while [redacted] is ill. [redacted] criticized the administration for its activity in regard to the Cuban invasion and discussed the peace question in this light. He also remarked that the Party in New York has improved a great deal and that it has taken its place as the leader of the various Party Districts.

[redacted] reported on the prospects for the 1961 elections and said that the Party has got to begin to think in terms of running its own candidates for public office. She recommended that reform movements within the two major political parties be left alone and that the Party should settle on its own candidates. [redacted] pointed out that many errors were made in the last elections and that every effort must be made to avoid these errors in the future. b7D

On Saturday there was a discussion of the two reports made the night before. Some members of the committee were upset because [redacted] made the report on elections, believing that Either [redacted] should have given it. [redacted] did not agree with the line of the report and this led to some argument.

[redacted] criticized the [redacted] report which appeared in Political Affairs regarding the remarks about [redacted]

[redacted] was upset because the state was not consulted regarding [redacted] recommendation to have [redacted] act with the state administration. She said that [redacted] should have gotten the assignment and that the Party was not supporting the Negro Question as they should. She had many complaints all leading up to the fact that the work in Harlem was being held up.

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DATE: 6/14/61

Transmit the following via AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
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(OO:NY)

Extreme caution should be exercised with respect to dissemination of information herein since said information, by its nature, tends to identify CG 5824-S, a valuable informant, as the source thereof. Unless this information is obtained from a source other than CG 5824-S, it should not be incorporated - even in paraphrased form - in the investigative section of a report.

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1-NY 100-54965 (JOHN ABT) (415)
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1-NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
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On 6/13/61, CG 5824-S advised SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON as follows:

According to GUS HALL, CPUSA General Secretary, on Friday, June 16th, there will be a conference of CP attorneys who, in order to circumvent the recent Supreme Court decisions, will seek to find a way to "abandon" the present Party legal entity and name and replace the present Party with a new organization that would not be affected by the Supreme Court decisions. The conference is being delayed pending the arrival from abroad of JOHN ABT, who will be an important conferee, and who is expected to be in NYC on 6/14/61.

With regard to proposals, made at a CP Review Commission meeting at the home of LENA SCHERER on 6/9/61, regarding the establishment of an underground operation to maintain communications, HALL has expressed full agreement.

The CP National Office, by direction of HALL, is initiating immediately "a clean-up campaign." All desks are being examined to see that they contain nothing that might embarrass the Party. "Security" is now the key word at the CP National Office and at the NY State CP Office. The CPUSA Review Commission has the responsibility of maintaining Party security, and is in the process of checking security also at NY State CP Headquarters and at the office of "The Worker."

A "defense committee" office is to be opened in a building in the area of 17th St., and Union Square, NYC. Lists of members of "United Front" groups presently maintained at CP headquarters, will be transferred to the "defense office."

Surprisingly, the public is sending considerable money to the Party for its defense. One individual sent $100 to the Party. Many one dollar donations are being received.

HALL told CG 5824-S that the latter, by reason of being "the only one with a genuine apparatus," must not be "around" so much, and must restrict his open CP activities. In telephonic contacts with each other, HALL will be "GENE"

and CG 5824-S will be "MICHAEL." (CG 5824-S subsequently arranged with PHIL BART, CPUSA Organizational Secretary, that in telephonic contacts with each other, CG 5824-S would be "MICHAEL" and BART would be "PAUL." CG 5824-S also arranged with ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN that any mail he might send her would be addressed in the name of her nephew, with whom she resides).

HALL and CG 5824-S arranged that any CP National Office mail intended for CG 5824-S would be marked "M-Midwest."

Regarding the English Ford automobile which the Party purchased, out of "funds from abroad," from the Berwyn Motor Sales Co. of Berwyn, Illinois, for the use of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, HALL said FLYNN refused to use the said car. HALL said he was angry about FLYNN's attitude regarding the car, and that he intended to give the car to JAMES JACKSON.

Among FLYNN's reasons for declining the automobile was her allegation that "BINGHAM," who was to be her chauffeur, is "a psycho." ("BINGHAM" as previously reported, is a friend of HALL's from Pittsburgh, brought by HALL from Pittsburgh ostensibly to head a CP "Speaker's Bureau," but actually to be ELIZABETH FLYNN's chauffeur and a "leg-man" for HALL.

In view of the nature of the above information, no letterhead memorandum is being submitted.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-14899) 6/16/61

SA HAROLD P. QUINN

ANDY REMES
SM-C

Identity of Informant NY 1749-S*
(Conceal and paraphrase)

Characterization Who has furnished reliable information in the past

Date 6/8/61

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 6/8/61, PHIL (BART) contacted [redacted] .discussed the recent Supreme Court decisions..PHIL told her they had a big news conference today.. [redacted] thought the decision ignominious..thinks that BLACK's dissent condemns the court for all time..dissent went into biggot and puritan laws..PHIL said there's a fight in the court, WARREN vs. FRANKFURTER..added that the law is now out of this world.. [redacted] agreed said that is crazy and they agreed it is quite an image for the rest of the world..PHIL mentioned that it's not really directed at the CP...will be used against such as the Freedom Riders and CORE.

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[redacted] said that ANDY is now in Myland, Michigan.. he had an unpleasant trip..2 day stopover on Toledo..the place he's at looks like a summer camp..have tennis and bridge matches..pastel walls [redacted] told PHIL that the children are fine..getting along well. PHIL told her that he is going to be away over the week end, but CONNIE will be in touch.

1-NY (100-97770) [redacted] (422)
1-NY (100-36579) (PHIL BART) (415)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) DATE: 6/16/61

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
IS-C

Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Characterization	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	6/7/61

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 6/7/61, (PHIL BART) contacted "IZZY" (WOFSY) at LUdlow 7-0248. PHIL remarked that he thought that since it is getting nice weather and that people are going out and that he (PHIL) is going away for the week end, maybe he would see IZZY tomorrow morning as he said "maybe you're also going." IZZY replied affirmatively, adding that he guesses so. PHIL then told IZZY that he usually comes down for breakfast at about 10:00 or thereabouts. IZZY replied that he thinks he can be "ther" (ph) about 10:30 or something. PHIL said that's okay with him. IZZY then added that it may be later; that he's not so sure. PHIL then remarked that he will spend the morning "there" any way. IZZY said okay. PHIL then concluded by telling IZZY he just thought he would give IZZY a ring because he is going away tomorrow anyway for the whole week end. He said he will see IZZY (tomorrow morning) and IZZY agreed.

1-NY (100-19679) (IZZY WOFSY)
1-NY (100-56579) (415)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-34665) 6/16/61

SA HAROLD P. QUINN

LENA SCHERER
SM-C

Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Characterization	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	6/11/61

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 6/11/61, (LENA SCHERER) contacted (PHIL BART). PHIL said he just got home. LENA said she would like to see PHIL after work on Tuesday, if possible. PHIL said he will know more by Tuesday. LENA said she was ready, if necessary, to come and meet PHIL right after work, mentioning that she works till 4:30 and is on 6th Ave. downtown. PHIL said he will call LENA at home Monday evening, explaining that he has been very busy but that by Tuesday he should have things straightened out pretty much. He agreed to let LENA know Monday and concluded by remarking that he thinks they will be able to make it Tuesday.

2-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY (100-34665)
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SAC, (100-41505) 6/16/61

SA JOHN T. BLAIR

CAMP LARCHWOOD, aka
Larchwood Lodge;
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On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA BLAIR of the following. This information was dictated on 6/6/61 into statement form, typed by Stenographer [redacted] on 6/7/61, and was then read and initialed by the informant o[redacted] This statement is maintained in [redacted]

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SA JOHN T. BLAIR

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On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA JOHN T. BLAIR of the following. This information was dictated into statement form on 6/6/61, typed by Steno [redacted] on [redacted] and was then read and initialed by the informant on [redacted]. It is maintained in [redacted]

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"At approximately 10:45 a.m., PHIL BART, CPUSA National Organizational Secretary, arrived from New York. BART came in to work on the mobilization.

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[redacted] and PHIL BART

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[redacted] was turned over to PHIL BART who left Philadelphia for New York on the 8:30 p.m. Trailways Bus."

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

PHIL BART
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Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Characterization	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	6/8/61

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 6/8/61, PHIL (BART) contacted Mrs. ANN TIMPSON, 20 Brookledge St., HI 5-7463, Boston, Massachusetts..ANN asked if PHIL got her letter.. PHIL told her it's impossible to get up there in the next few days..have to wait a week..said she will hear from him after this week end..it's definitely possible the next week end. ANN said she will see what can be done and let PHIL know. ANN asked if PHIL has heard from any of her friends. PHIL said he hasn't..ANN expects they'll be home the middle of the month. PHIL said, so I heard..ANN said, it was wonderful..PHIL remarked that she came back at the right time.. she saw her family..

2-Boston (RM)
(1-100-) (ANN TIMPSON)
(1) New York (100-56579) (415)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-31723) DATE: 6/15/61

FROM : SA JOHN T. BLAIR

SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA BLAIR of the following. This information was dictated into statement form on [redacted] typed by Stenc [redacted] and was then read and initialed by the informant on [redacted] It is maintained in [redacted]

"On Sunday evening, [redacted], PHIL BART, CPUSA National Organizational Secretary, privately advised of the following:

"BART said he was concerned about the lack of growth and inactivity of the CP in Eastern Pennsylvania. He said he was interested in trying to find out what is needed to help build the District membership and the reasons why the District is so weak in recruiting members from the Negro masses. BART was told that while the CP line is correct, the District cadre is weak as most comrades are afraid to speak out at meetings of their unions and other non-Party groups and state the Party's views.

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100-56579 - PHIL BART

5 - Philadelphia
1 - 100-31723
1 - 100-22157 (PHIL BART)
1 - 100-28841 [redacted]
1 - 65-1686
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"BART said he would be back in Philadelphia in about three weeks and planned to discuss with [redacted] and other District leaders ways and means of strengthening the District.

"During the course of this discussion, BART appeared to feel rather possessive about the Philadelphia CP and remarked that when he was running the District he looked around for the most capable workers he could find and utilized their services to the utmost. From the way BART spoke and from previous remarks made by [redacted] it is felt BART, along with other National leaders, feel that the District is not getting proper leadership from [redacted] but are looking for someone on a District level in the CPEPD to make such a charge against [redacted]

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